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# **Sept. 26 “Blind” Wine Tasting Gala Benefits Foundation for Sight & Sound**

A wide array of wines and culinary delights will be available for sampling during the 10th Annual “Blind” Wine Tasting Gala at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury on Monday, Sept. 26, from 5-9 p.m.

The gala, for which tickets are \$75, benefits the Long Island-based Foundation for Sight & Sound, a charitable organization that supports efforts to enhance the quality of life for individuals with visual and hearing impairments.

“Now marking its 10th year, the “Blind” Wine Tasting Gala is truly “Aged to Perfection,” and affords people a perfect blend of socializing and networking while supporting a good cause,” says Mitch Shapiro, the founder and driving force behind the event that drew more than 1,000 people last year. Attendees also will have an opportunity to bid on all sorts of items in silent and Chinese auctions.

“The Foundation for Sight & Sound provides grants to qualifying nonprofit organizations that provide support services for people with visual and/or auditory challenges or engage in specific research projects for these conditions that would have otherwise been unfunded,” said Shapiro, a Smithtown resident who is afflicted with Usher syndrome -- the leading cause of deaf-blindness.

For more information on the gala and to purchase tickets, sponsorships or online journal ads, call (631) 366-3461 or visit [www.blindwinegala.com](http://www.blindwinegala.com) on the Internet.

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# Calendar Notice

**Monday, Sept. 26, 2005 10th Annual “Blind” Wine Tasting Gala** benefits LI-based Foundation for Sight and Sound and features a wide array of wines and culinary delights; silent and Chinese auctions; musical entertainment, and networking. Crest Hollow Country Club, Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury, N.Y. 5-9 p.m. \$75. For more information and to purchase tickets, sponsorships or online journal ads, call (631) 366-3461 or log-on to [www.blindwinegala.com](http://www.blindwinegala.com)

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