

Tenth annual governor's black-tie invitational raises nearly \$800,000 for local charities

Southern Highlands Charitable Foundation celebrates a decade of giving

This year's Tenth Annual Governor's Black-Tie Invitational charity golf tournament and social events, sponsored by Southern Highlands Charitable Foundation, brought together residents and charitable members of the Las Vegas community last weekend, raising an astounding \$790,000 in donations. This event brings the grand total of funds raised by Southern Highlands Charitable Foundation to nearly \$8 million over the past ten years. Due to the impressive amount of donations raised by the weekend's events, as well as the past ten years of community support, Southern Highlands is especially pleased to announce that they are able to break ground on the newest addition to the community, the Southern Highlands Boys & Girls Club.

"The Governor's Black-Tie Invitational and the donations it has been able to generate have played a significant role in the Southern Nevada community for the last ten years," says Governor Gibbons, who became ill at the last moment and was regrettably unable to attend this year's event. "I want to thank Garry Goett and his team at Southern Highlands for once again putting together a truly memorable experience for everyone, worthy of a silver anniversary celebration, but also for contributing so much toward improving the quality of life for the children, teens and women in our community."

The highly anticipated three-day event began with the Governor's Black-Tie Gala. A live performance by Mass Ensemble highlighted the evening with entertainment, and featured the use of an incredible Earth Harp, a unique large-scale architectural stringed instrument which spanned from center stage to tent-side. The audience was also treated to a heartfelt surprise performance of "Lean on Me" by the Clark County Children's Choir. The evening's events commenced with silent and live auctions of donated items and the annual award presentation. Jim and Joan Hammer were honored with the Governor's Philanthropists of the Year award for their generous contributions over the years benefitting more than a dozen different organizations and charities in Las Vegas and the surrounding area.

The main event, lasting two days, was a team invitational golf tournament with the winning Fletcher Jones Mercedes-Benz team of Steve Kaplan, Mark Ingram, Mike Weeks and Jay Fields scoring an impressive 23 under par. While the golfers enjoyed the competition on the course, the ladies were treated to a luncheon at M Resort, and fashion show presented by Anthropologie. The weekend's exciting events concluded with the Governor's Grand Bash, featuring a special private live performance by John Fogerty.

"The amount of generosity and dedication we have seen from the community in the past ten years through the Governor's Black-Tie Invitational has far surpassed our expectations," said Garry Goett, President of Southern Highlands Golf Club. "We are grateful to everyone who helped in making this year's silver anniversary event and the past ten years such a success, and to all of the guests of the event who, through their charity and support, have touched the lives of so many."

Charities that received funds include the Southern Highlands Boys & Girls Club, Assistance League of Las Vegas, Candlelighters for Childhood Cancer, Opportunity Village, Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation, Children's Heart Foundation, Break the Chain Foundation, and Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Nevada.



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