

Eighth Annual Governor's Black-Tie Invitational Raises \$1,088,000 For Local Charities

The Las Vegas community came together at the Eighth Annual Governor's Black-Tie Charity Invitational Golf Tournament, sponsored by Southern Highlands Golf Club, and raised \$1,088,000, bringing the grand total of funds raised by Southern Highlands Charitable Foundation to more than \$6 million over the past eight years.

"The importance of the Governor's Black-Tie to the residents of Southern Nevada is significant," said Governor Jim Gibbons. "I want to thank Garry Goett and his team at Southern Highlands for putting together another wonderful event that not only thrilled everyone in attendance, but helped raise needed funds for many worthwhile charities in our community."

The three-day event began with the Governor's Black-Tie Gala, which included live entertainment by ventriloquist Terry Fator, winner of NBC's America's Got Talent. The evening also featured silent and live auctions of donated items and an award presentation. Kitty Rodman and Claudine Williams were named the Governor's Philanthropists of the Year for their extraordinary contributions to the community of Las Vegas and the surrounding area.

The main event was a team invitational golf tournament, which lasted two days with the winning team of Nick Mamula, Tom Scranton, Tom McDonald, and Rich Schaller scoring an impressive 15 under par. While the golfers enjoyed the course, the ladies were treated to spa treatments at Spa Southern Highlands, as well as a luncheon and fashion show presented by Neiman Marcus. The event also included the Governor's Grand Bash, with a special performance by Grammy winners Earth, Wind & Fire.

"The Governor's Black-Tie event has grown consistently since we launched in 2001, and this year was no exception," said Garry Goett, President of Southern Highlands Golf Club. "The generosity of our guests is truly remarkable and we are grateful to Governor Gibbons and everyone who helped make our eighth annual event a success."

Charities that received funds include the Southern Highlands Boys & Girls Club, Assistance League of Las Vegas, Candlelighters, Opportunity Village, Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation, Epicurean Charitable Foundation, The Shade Tree, and Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Nevada. The Southern Highlands Boys & Girls Club is expected to break ground in the fourth quarter of 2008 due to the proceeds from this event.

**Mark your calendar for next year's Black-Tie event,
March 26-28, 2009**



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