



LEGENDS RENO-TAHOE OPEN CONTRIBUTES MORE THAN \$13,000 TO FOOD BANK OF NORTHERN NEVADA

On Thursday, April 9 nearly 200 people gathered at the Eldorado Hotel Casino to enjoy an evening among friends during the inaugural 'Noodle This' charity dinner, surrounded by vintage Italian decor and candlelight as a violinist strolled through the crowd entertaining attendees. Hosted by the Reno-Tahoe Open Foundation, the event featured "Celebrity Servers" including names like Senators William Raggio and Randolph Townsend, news anchor Shelby Sheehan, Sheriff Mike Haley and Reno and Sparks Mayors Cashell and Martini, who served dinner to tables of eight and then joined the group for conversation over dinner and dessert.

"We are so grateful to all of the Legends Reno-Tahoe Open supporters who volunteered their time at 'Noodle This' as well as all those who attended the event," said Foundation Chairman John Sande III. "The generosity of our supporters allows us to continue on in achieving our mission of giving back. It's because of them that we're able to affect the lives of those around us and have a positive impact on our community. We wouldn't be able to do it without them."

Throughout the evening, each celebrity waiter or waitress competed to collect the most tips, which were then donated to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada. Altogether, the celebrities collected \$13,609 with Assemblywoman Debbie Smith bringing in the largest amount of money.

"The community recognized this event as an opportunity to give to a great cause and really came through for those who need help the most, right here in Northern Nevada," remarked Tournament Director Michael Stearns.

A note of gratitude to the following individuals who also contributed time as "Celebrity Servers" during the first-ever 'Noodle This' dinner: University of Nevada Men's Basketball Coach David Carter, President of the University of Nevada, Reno Milton Glick and Director of Athletics Cary Groth, Assemblywoman Heidi Gansert and Assembly Speaker Barabara Buckley, RSCVA President and CEO Ellen Oppenheim, Ted Power, publisher of the Reno Gazette-Journal, Reno City Councilwoman Jessica Sferazza, Gregg and Gary Carano, Sparks Police Commander Steve Asher and Washoe County Commission Chair Bob Larkin.

Noodle This



"Noodle This" Celebrity Waiters gear up to serve dinner at the Eldorado Hotel Casino. From Left to Right: Sparks Mayor Geno Martini, UNR President Milton Glick, Assemblywoman Heidi Gansert, Reno Mayor Bob Cashell, RGJ President Ted Power, and Sheriff Mike Haley



KRNV Ch.4 News Anchor Shelby Sheehan takes care of guests at "Noodle This".



"Noodle This" raised \$13,609 for the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, our Celebrity Waiters worked hard for their tips!