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## Harrah's Resort Southern California and the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians Awards \$225,000 in Grants to Local Nonprofit Organizations

Seventh Annual "All-in 4 Change" Event Raises Funds for Local Charities

**FUNNER, Calif. (September 30, 2022)** – Today, <u>Harrah's Resort Southern California</u> hosted its seventh annual "Allin 4 Change" luncheon, awarding \$150,000 in grants to some of Southern California's most deserving non-profit organizations. The "All-in 4 Change" charitable program was created in 2015 to showcase the resort's pride for, and commitment to, its community.

"On behalf of the Rincon Tribe, we are honored to partner with Harrah's Resort Southern California to continue to support those in our community," stated Bo Mazzetti, Chairman of the Rincon Tribe. "If we can play a small role when it comes to positively impacting someone's life through the help of our local nonprofits, then we know that we're doing exactly what we need to do."

In addition to the \$150,000 in grants from Harrah's Resort SoCal, the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians has also generously awarded an additional \$75,000 to three deserving nonprofit organizations today; \$40,000 was donated to Final Honor, \$25,000 to ResQue Ranch and \$10,000 to Burn Institute.

Harrah's Resort SoCal continues to share its financial success by donating a portion of its profits to the local community and charitable causes. Since opening its doors in 2002, the resort has donated more than \$5 million in cash and in-kind gifts to community and charitable organizations, as part of their ongoing commitment to giving back.

"Giving back is one of our strongest values here at Harrah's Resort Southern California," said Jill Barrett, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Harrah's Resort Southern California. "It's in our DNA to lift up those in our community that are in need and we could not be more grateful to have the resources and abilities to keep the ripple effect in motion — to give back to those who in turn, give back."

In July, non-profits from San Diego, Riverside and Orange Counties were invited to apply for the program. Applications were carefully reviewed by the judging committee in early August and eligible applicants were informed that they made it to the next stage of the competition. Community members were encouraged to vote for their favorite non-profits amongst the group of finalists. When the polls closed on Aug. 30, community votes accounted for 50 percent of the overall score to win a grant, while the remaining 50 percent of the score was determined by a carefully

selected committee at Harrah's Resort Southern California. Winners were announced at the "All-In 4 Change" luncheon, with the grant allocations and awards as follows:

- First Place Grant awarded to Feeding San Diego: \$55,000
- Second Place Grant awarded to Canine Companions for Independence: \$25,000
- Third Place Grant awarded to Navy Marine Corps PROUD Foundation: \$15,000
- Fourth Place Grant awarded to Armed Services YMCA: \$10,000
- Fifth Place Grant awarded to **The Elizabeth Hospice:** \$5,000
- Ten Honorable Mention Grants at \$4,000 each:
  - 1. Michelle's Place Cancer Resource Center
  - 2. Helen Woodward Animal Center
  - 3. Support the Enlisted Project
  - 4. Trauma Intervention Programs of San Diego
  - 5. Community Transition Academy
  - 6. Reality Changers
  - 7. Trans Family Support Services
  - 8. North County LGBT Center
  - 9. Operation Homefront
  - 10. Wings of Change

This year's first-place winner, <u>Feeding San Diego</u>, is the leading hunger-relief and food rescue organization in San Diego County and the only Feeding America member in the region. They work to provide more than 35 million meals every year to children, families, seniors, college students, military families, veterans, people facing homelessness, and other underserved populations. They partner with more than 600 food donors in San Diego County and over 225 farms and packing sheds throughout California to rescue high-quality food before it goes to waste, and distribute meals in partnership with 370 local charities, schools, faith communities, meal sites, and food pantries throughout the region. In addition to rescuing and distributing high-quality food, Feeding San Diego helps individuals enroll in CalFresh (formerly known as food stamps) to help those in need purchase groceries for their families.

Last year, Harrah's Resort SoCal awarded \$100,000 in grants and honorees including TransFamily Support Service, Helen Woodward Animal Center and Support the Enlisted Project, to name a few.

For more information on Harrah's Resort Southern California's "All-in 4 Change" initiative, please visit <a href="http://www.harrahssocal.com/all-in-4-change">www.harrahssocal.com/all-in-4-change</a>.

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