

Second Queen of Hearts Bunco tournament generates more than \$5,000 for Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Nevada

The second annual Queen of Hearts Bunco tournament presented Jan. 23 at the CasaBlanca Resort in Mesquite generated more than \$5,000 for the Make a Wish Foundation of Southern Nevada.

With about 150 competitors, the event included a silent auction featuring prizes from Richard Petty Drive Experience; Carroll Shelby Enterprises, Nevada Beverage, Michael E Minden & Co. Jewelers, the MResort; among others.

Co-promoted by Black Gaming and the World Bunco Association in Newport Beach, Calif., the annual gathering was considering a huge success.

"I'd like to sincerely thank Michelle Yegge-Evans, Bernadette Anthony and the entire staff of Black Gaming," said Karen Iglesias, president of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Nevada. "This was a tremendous amount of money to raise especially during this tough economic time.

"The funds are dedicated to sponsoring the wish of a child battling a life threatening medical condition in Southern Nevada."

Next year's event is expected to be even bigger.

"The 2010 event doubled in size and we expect it will be even bigger next year," said Bernadette Anthony of Black Gaming.

"More and more entrants are now bringing their friends as the word spreads."

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Nevada has been active in Las Vegas since 1996 granting wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Nevada has granted more than 1,100 wishes to children in Southern Nevada between the ages of 2 ½ to 18. Families share in a magical interlude during difficult times of treatments, financial burdens and hospital stays.

Further information may be found at www.snv.wish.org or by calling 212-9474.

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