The Giving Spirit Lasts All Year Long, making The 8th Annual "Good Old Fashioned" BBQ a rousing success

May 8, 2008-Preparation began several months before the event date, with our staff requesting donations from local businesses by making calls, sending faxes and writing emails. Then we contacted our dedicated volunteers to help staff the event - a big thank you goes out to Linda Skinner, who organized the wonderful crew of over 40 Latter Day Saints church members, our DJ Kael who brought his tunes, sass and charm to the auctions, and the wonderful caterers and cooks who decorated the room in true "sport style." Kudos to Ms. LJ Pullman and staff for making a great meal and decorating a gorgeous room! Another big thank you goes out to the incredible team of Dutch Oven volunteers- they provided a great basket to be auctioned off, not to mention their peach cobbler and beans were out-of-this-world!

We must also mention and thank the wonderful organizations that donated items to be auctioned off at our event. These local companies, casinos and individuals banded together to provide our event with a wide array of outstanding prizes and we were truly inspired by their kindness in our efforts to make this a memorable night for all, with 100% of the event proceeds going to the Center right here in Las Vegas! Thanks to Mayor Oscar Goodman, Jeff White Jewelry Designs, Ahern Rentals, Goodsell and Olsen, Venetian Hotel and Casino, Wynn Resort, Southwest Airlines, IGT, Toyshare, UNLV's Nevada Conservatory Theatre, US Foods, Desert Off-Road Hummer Tours, Outwest Meat Company, King's Fish House, Lance Burton, House of Blues, Canyon Ranch Spa Club, , Las Vegas Philharmonic, Mimmo Ferraro's Restaurant, Costco, Allegiant Air, Zappos.com, Bon Breads, Daxid Saxe Productions and more!

We are very grateful to the following companies for choosing to assist the blind and visually impaired in our community by contributing to the Blind Center for our 8th annual Good Old Fashioned BBQ and Auction. This kindness and generosity is a gift beyond measure and such acts of kindness certainly never go unnoticed and are always greatly appreciated.

Ahern Rentals / Allegiant Air

Baskow Entertainment

Bed Bath and Beyond

Best Western Zion's Park Inn

Black Canyon River Adventures

Black Mountain Golf & Country Club

Black Mountain Grill / Blue Man Group

Bon Breads / Boyd Gaming

Canyon Ranch Spa Club at the Venetian

Casa Blanca Resort / Costco

Cheesecake Factory / Detail Fanatix

Desert Fox Off-Road Hummer Tours

Dillstar Productions / Don B's Steakhouse

Eldorado Canyon Mine Tours

English Garden Florist / Ethel M's Chocolates

Family Music Centers /Flamingo Hotel and Casino

Fern Adair Conservatory of the Arts

Ferraro's Restaurant / Gal Pal Purses

Giorgio Caffé / Gold's Gym / Goodsell & Olsen

Go For It USA Gymnastics

Gordie Brown and David Saxe Productions

House of Blues / John & Ivy / Jeff White

King's Fish House / Lake Mead Cruises

Lance Burton / Las Vegas Mini Grand Prix

Las Vegas Motor Speedway

Lawry's The Prime Rib / LV Harley-Davidson

LV Paiute Resort / LV Philharmonic

Mayor Oscar Goodman / McMullan's Irish Pub

Merry Maids / Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe

Mystery Adventure/ Nothing Bundt Cakes

Outback Steakhouse / Outwest Meat Co.

P.F. Chang's China Bistro / Pampas Brazilian Grille

Paymon's Mediterranean Café

Pedipeds Infant Footwear

Phantom of the Opera

Rebel Adventure Tours

REI / IGT

Roy's Cuisine / Sierra Ready Mix

Sam Ash Music /Sweet Tomatoes

Scenic Airlines / Starbucks

See's Candies/ Steve Waters

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Ted Wien's Tire and Auto Center

The Melting Pot

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Ted Wien's Tire and Auto Center

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