

6th Annual Technology and Diversity for Tots Holiday Gala a Huge Success

Las Vegas, NV, January 1, 2012 – The Annual Technology and Diversity for Tots Holiday Gala raised over \$20,000 to benefit local charities. With a record attendance of 600 plus people, over 700 toys were collected for the local Marines Corps' Toys for Tots cause. This year's event was held on December 9, 2011 at the Bellagio Resort & Casino.

Eleven professional associations assisted with the planning and preparations for this event. Organizations involved included the local chapters of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, ARMA, Association for Information and Image Management, Association of Information Technology Professionals, Hospitality and Finance Technology Professionals, International Institute of Business Analysis, Information Systems Audit and Control Association, National Association of Women Business Owners, Project Management Institute, Technology Business Alliance Network and Women in Technology International. Each organization had a representative in the committee supporting the development and execution of this event.

A non-profit organization has been established to organize and run this event on behalf of all participating organizations. This is an exciting transition of the annual WITI Toys for Tots Gala to this new format. This year's board of directors included Laura Fucci from Clark County as the Chair, Kris Singleton from Cosmopolitan as the Vice Chair, Steve Kompst from Caesars Entertainment as the Secretary, Ted Harrison from Link Technologies as the Treasurer and Allison Morris from Caesars Entertainment as the Committee Liaison.

Breaking the record with an attendance of over 600 people meant many more toys for the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, the premier benefactor of this event. With the growth of this event, financial donations this year were expanded to include three additional charitable organizations supporting the Las Vegas valley: Three Square Food Bank, Las Vegas Sports Leagues and City Impact Center. Money raised was from donations, sponsorships, raffles and a silent auction. The raffle and silent auction pieces were donated by sponsors, attendees, volunteers and many organizations and included hotel packages, show tickets, electronics and various other exciting items.

Technology and Diversity for Tots was honored to welcome Rebecca "Becky" Wanta, Senior Vice President & CIO from MGM Resorts International, as this year's speaker. Attendees also enjoyed a performance by Richard Hampton as Kenny Rogers before dancing the night away to the sounds of Harry "O" from Vegas City DJs.

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