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Taste of Las Cruces raises \$16,000 for Casa de Peregrinos

Las Cruces NM – Taste of Las Cruces is an annual event conducted by the Rotary Club of Las Cruces, the Mesilla Valley Rotary Club, and the Rio Grande Rotary Club, to raise funds to meet community needs. Taste of Las Cruces offers attendees a chance to sample the wares of a number of local restauranteurs in one location, while contributing to local causes.

The tenth annual event was held at the Las Cruces Convention Center on Thursday, June 8, 2017. The beneficiary of this year's event was Casa de Peregrinos. Eighteen local restaurants participated, donating food to be sampled by attendees; no one went away hungry! Through the generous support of those who purchased a ticket and attended the event, along with those who won a silent auction item and through the extra effort of the three Rotary Clubs in the Las Cruces community the event raised \$16,000 for Casa de Peregrinos emergency food pantry. The mission of Casa de Peregrinos is to alleviate hunger in the community through the acquisition and distribution of nutritious foods. The funds raised through the Taste of Las Cruces will benefit Casa de Peregrinos by helping supplement the cash needed to a match a grant of \$20,000 through the Carl C. Anderson, Sr. and Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation. The combined totals will provide around 160,000 meals to hungry families in our Community.

Thanks to our hosts at the Convention Center, musicians The Two of Us, and our ticket sales locations at AAMCO Transmissions on Picacho, American Classified on Valley Drive, Las Cruces Sun News, and Casa de Peregrinos. We are most appreciative of our restaurant partners and sponsors, who make the event possible. A great time was had by all! For more information about Taste of Las Cruces or to see pictures from this year's event please visit <http://www.lascrucesrotary.org/taste>



(pictured at the check presentation, from left: Lya Jordan, Las Cruces Rotary president; Richard Haas, Las Cruces Rio Grande Rotary president; Richelle Ponder, event chair; Patty Groth, Las Cruces Rotary; Sara Armijo, Casa de Peregrinos; and Lorenzo Alba, Las Cruces Mesilla Valley Rotary past president and Casa de Peregrinos executive director)

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