

Haiti relief event at The Nassau Inn raises over \$11,000

Dozens of local businesses join to provide food, beverages, services and prizes

On February 16th, the local Princeton community came together and raised \$11,000 for The American Red Cross in response to the Haitian earthquake.

The event was originally scheduled for February 10th but had to be rescheduled due to another natural event, the unusually powerful snow storm that came through the region.

Jim Byrnes, Food & Beverage Director of the Nassau Inn, initially came up with the concept of the Community Response benefit as members of the Nassau Inn family were waiting to hear news of their loved ones.

After an evening of ticket sales of \$25 at the door, raffles, a silent auction and straight donations, the Community Response fundraiser raised more than \$11,000. 100% of all proceeds go to the American Red Cross International Response Fund to directly benefit the people of Haiti struck by the earthquake. Diane Concannon, director of public relations and JoAnn Hoppe, manager of financial development, represented the American Red Cross of Central New Jersey at the event.

The entire event from concept to results was pulled together in about three weeks.

The response from the community was astounding; including 31 local restaurants and beverage companies, 50 retailers and 12 service providers. The full list of contributors below made this event a huge success. No one should

go unnoticed, as this was truly a community effort everyone will remember.

Parking fees for the local garages on Hulfish, Chambers and Spring Streets were donated by Palmer Square Management and the Borough of Princeton for all attendees of this event.

Peter Crowley, President and CEO of the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce said "The Nassau Inn and the many restaurants throughout the Princeton Region that participated in Tuesday evening's Haiti relief event should be commended for the great job they did bringing our community together to support this cause."

The list of contributors to the event includes:

Beverage Contributors:

Allied Beverage Group LLC
Hub City Distributing Co.
Nassau Inn
Ritchie & Page Distributing Co.

Triumph Brewery

Food Contributors:

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Masala Grill
Mediterra
Melting Pot
Molto Bene
Nassau Club
Olives Caterers
On the Bone
Rat's Restaurant

Event Photos



Ballroom people



Fondue Table



Nassau Inn Family

Rosso Pomodoro
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Ribbon Gift Albums
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Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel & Conference Center
Shop the World
Simon Pearce
TOC Chauffeured Transportation
TPC Jasna Polana
Tamasi's Shell Station
The Bridal Suite
Tiger's Tail
Triumph Brewery
Westminster Choir College
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For more information about the American Red Cross, please call 1-800-HELP-NOW or e-mail info@usa.redcross.org.

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