

Holiday Benefits Hosted at Chester's Harley-Davidson

Party on the Patio is a monthly gathering at Chester's Harley Davidson, location at 922 S Country Club Dr, Mesa, AZ. It is held from 11a until 2pm, offering food and entertainment.

There is a different community cause to support each time. School supplies were collected in August for Ida Redbird Elementary. September benefited the Colon Cancer Alliance. October's PoP was a fundraiser for Friends for Life Animal Rescue.

The Holidays provided the perfect direction to steer the theme for next two events.

The November Party on the Patio was held on the 16th, with the beneficiary being the United Food Bank. About 350 participants came out for this gathering.

UFB serves the East Valley and Eastern Arizona; providing access to nutritious food through community partnerships, food distribution, and education. Learn more at <http://unitedfoodbank.org>

Music for the day was provided by 'Plowd'. Thanks go to Vindoo BBQ for their support of this event by catering the lunch.

Just in time for Thanksgiving, collection boxes were at the dealership in the weeks leading up to the event, so people could drop off their donations of non-perishables. Cash donations were also accept-

ed. Of course if you brought your donation in on the day of the party, you got an entry into a drawing for a trip to Las Vegas. The winner of that drawing was Ralph Salem.

December 14th's Party on the Patio was in support of Sunshine Acres Children's Home. This Home has cared for more than 1600 children since it was established in Mesa, AZ back in 1954. It is supported entirely on donations and takes no government funding. Among their principles is that no child will ever be turned away for financial reasons. Learn more at <http://sunshineacres.org/>

Santa was there, along with some cute elves, to greet everyone and take photos. People were enjoying music by the Blues Review Band. We're told about 200 came out for this gathering.

Lunch was catered by Vermont Sandwich Company; with dessert from Waffle Crush gourmet waffles. Thanks go to both of these companies for their support of this event.

Of course, whilst people were there in support of Sunshine Acres, there was also a lot of holiday shopping going on. Once you found that perfect item for the biker[s] in your life, there was a team of gift wrappers ready to put that finishing touch on the presentation.

There was a beautiful Christmas tree in the lobby of Chester's H-D ~ decorated with wish cards from the Sunshine Acres children. These kids range from approximately 3 -18 years. Donors could select a card from the tree, fulfill a wish, wrap the gift, & then return it to the tree to be delivered.

Mark you calendar for January's PoP, coming up on the 18th to support Packages From Home. There will be lunch provided by Jolie's Place and music from 'Double Clutch'. Enter for a chance to win an 8-night resort vacation in Mexico.

Maybe sometimes you want to get out for a bit but don't have time to attend a full day's event. On a day like that, the Party on the Patio series fits the bill just right. There's always a good cause to support, good people to see, and lots of browsing & shopping opportunities, to boot. Stay tuned to the Chester's H-D Facebook page [at /ChestersHD] for details about all their upcoming events. For even more information about the dealership, visit their website at <http://chestershd.com>.

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