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RENO-TAHOE BLUES FEST DONATES TO WASHOE SCHOOLS' SPORTS AND MUSIC PROGRAMS

Wooster and Hug High School Programs Receive Check for \$8,000

RENO, Nev. (March 31, 2008)—The Reno-Tahoe Blues Fest, the area's only festival dedicated to celebrating the culture and history of blues music, continues to support its mission of giving back to the community with an \$8,000 donation to Washoe County Schools and several of its programs. The donation was presented to the Washoe County School District Board of Trustees recently and will help support the district's sports and music education programs at Wooster and Hug High Schools.

"As an organization, we believe in giving back to the community especially to the students that have a musical interest. The Reno-Tahoe Blues Fest's foundation includes a commitment to provide annual grants for music education for youth in the area, to place an importance on it and support aspiring artists," said Charles McNeely, president of the Reno-Tahoe Blues Fest and Reno City Manager. "We would not have a Reno-Tahoe Blues Fest without our many talented musicians...musicians that have built their lives on their incredible talents and their desire, often at a young age, to pursue a musical career."

This recent donation to the Washoe County School District's music and sports programs matches the Reno-Tahoe Blues Fest's 2007 gift. The donations have funded scholarships, purchases for school music equipment and various jazz band programs.

The Reno-Tahoe Blues Fest, founded in 2005, is preparing for another stellar event bringing world-class blues to the Reno-Tahoe region Aug. 16-17, 2008. Staged annually at Rancho San Rafael Park in Reno, Nev., the two-day festival celebrates the history, culture and spirit of the blues and attracts audiences from around the country to hear some of the biggest names in blues. Previous years have included Etta James, Clarence Carter, Buddy Guy, Bobby Rush, Keb Mo, Bobby Blue Band and others. For tickets, information and schedule of performances visit the Reno-Tahoe Blues Fest online at www.RenoTahoeBluesFest.com or call 775-857-3378.

The Reno-Tahoe Blues Fest, founded in 2005, was created to bring world-class blues to the Reno-Tahoe region and to celebrate the history, culture and spirit of the blues. Staged annually at Reno's Rancho San Rafael Park, the two-day festival attracts audiences from around the country to hear some of the biggest names in blues including Etta James, Clarence Carter, Buddy Guy, Bobby Rush, Keb Mo, Bobby Blue Band and others. Established as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the Reno-Tahoe Blues Fest supports music education for youth in the Reno-Tahoe area through a scholarship program and ongoing assistance for school music equipment purchases and jazz band programs. Funds for the festival are raised through corporate sponsorships and ticket sales.

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