



**CDF, Inc**  
Cultural Diversity Foundation

## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary GHSA Recipients



MEHDI  
ZARHLOUL



BARBARA JONES  
ZANGARO



CYNTHIA KISER  
MURPHEY



AGNES  
COOK



SALLY  
BEDOTTO



WILLIAM  
WONG

### **Mehdi Zarhloul, Business Owner, Crazy Pita Rotisserie & Grill**

Mehdi Zarhloul is the owner of three Crazy Pita Rotisserie & Grill restaurants in Southern Nevada.

Mehdi is a significant contributor to The Josh Stevens Foundation which is a nonprofit organization created to honor the memory of local twelve-year-old, Josh Stevens. All three of Mehdi's Crazy Pita restaurants feature a year-round Josh Stevens Foundation display that sells "Be Kind" merchandise. Mehdi gives 100% of these proceeds directly to the foundation to support kindness and anti-bullying efforts in Josh's memory. In addition, Mehdi created a "Paint. Drink. Dine." event where a percentage of the registration fees are donated to the Josh Stevens Foundation.

Mehdi has also supported many other organizations such as St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, USO Las Vegas's "Make a Million Moments in May" drive, The Shade Tree, Nathan Adelson Hospice, New Vista, Junior Achievement, Bikers Against Child Abuse, Nevada Donor Network, WestCare Nevada, and JDRF by donating a percentage of proceeds from Crazy Pita.

"Lending a helping hand is something that comes naturally to him, and he will continue to do so in the years to come." -Raquel Sanchez

### **Barbara Jones Zangaro, Aria Resort and Casino**

Barbara Jones Zangaro is a full time Tournament Manager for the Aria Resort and Casino.

Barbara supports organizations such as Serving Hope of Las Vegas where she provides food, clothing, and hygiene items to the less fortunate. She also helped with Serving Hope's drive to purchase 950 backpacks filled with school supplies for children at Oran K Gragson Elementary School.

Barbara has also volunteered at the Ante4Autism's annual charity poker tournament for the past two years to raise money for Autism charities. She has been instrumental in donating her time to help wrap and organize gifts during Christmas for the women and children at The Shade Tree, and she volunteers to help serve meals there as well. This year she became involved with an animal rescue organization called Heaven Can Wait, where she helped promote their first annual poker tournament in which proceeds go towards helping animals have the chance for a better life.

"She has been known to give the shoes and socks off her feet or the gloves off her hands to people in need." -Sylvia Wolf

**Cynthia Kiser Murphey, New York-New York Hotel and Casino**

Cynthia Kiser Murphey is President and Chief Operating Officer for New York-New York Hotel and Casino.

Cynthia donates her time at The St. Baldrick's Foundation that is dedicated to finding a cure for childhood cancer. She was influential in helping raise 1 million dollars for them. Additionally, Cynthia was instrumental in establishing health science/healthcare scholarships for the Unite Here Employee Fund. She was also instrumental in establishing a health clinic on Nellis Boulevard and Stewart for members of The Culinary Health Fund.

Cynthia also serves on the Host Committee for Cirque du Soleil's "One Night for One Drop" annual philanthropic event in support of One Drop, an international non-profit organization dedicated to providing access to safe water. She serves as Executive Sponsor for the MGM Resorts Veteran's Employee Network Group that brings together employees with a variety of similar interests from all cultures, classifications, and lifestyles.

"Cynthia gets things done. She has been unwavering in her support of children's cancer research. A true leader."  
-Cynthia McMullan

**Agnes Cook, Caesars Entertainment**

Agnes Cook has been with Caesars Entertainment for 10 years as the Diversity and Inclusion Specialist.

Agnes is actively involved throughout the Las Vegas community. She contributes a tremendous amount of her time, talents, and resources volunteering through Caesars Entertainment HEROS Program for organizations such as: The Boys & Girls Club of Southern Nevada, Macedonia Social Outreach Services, Now Faith Community Development Corporation, Catholic Charities St. Vincent Dining Facility, Second Wind Dreams- Senior Appreciation, Urban Chamber, Corner4Success, WBEC, Cultural Diversity Foundation, MOSES Food Bank, The Center of Southern Nevada, and many others. In addition, she dedicates her time with her church, Greater Calvary Baptist Church to deliver meals to the less fortunate and the homeless.

"There are so many more reasons why Agnes deserves the Golden Hand Service Award. I hope that she continues to bless many other people and organizations, so that they can be touched by her generosity." -Angel Villanueva

**Sally Bedotto, CPA**

Sally Bedotto began her career as a certified public accountant in San Francisco with Ernst & Young. She continues her work as a CPA through her private consulting company.

Sally has gone above and beyond to improve the lives of children in the Las Vegas community by providing college scholarships, Christmas and high school graduation celebrations for underprivileged youth, and she donates tombstones and funeral services to honor children who died in foster care. Sally also volunteers her time to help plan a fundraiser, the annual Heart Ball, for the American Heart and Stroke Association. She is also the key organizer for the Toys For Tickets All Star Jam that benefits Catholic Charities.

"Sally humbly serves others without seeking credit for her work in the community. It is staggering to conceptualize how the efforts of one particular person can truly make a difference." -Randy Garcia

**William Wong, Business Owner, McDonald's**

William Wong started as a crew member at McDonald's in 1971, and is now the first and only Asian American franchise owner and operator in Las Vegas, NV.

William's philanthropic contribution to the Las Vegas community is tremendous. He has financially supported a number of organizations such as the Ronald McDonald House, KNPR (Public Channel of Las Vegas), the Bill Endow Scholarship Foundation, the Mac Grant Program for the Clark County School District. He also provides year-round free meals to less fortunate and homeless students at Rancho High School.

He donates to many local non-profit organizations such as PBS Vegas, Three Square, Asian Community Development Council, Asian Chamber of Commerce, Chinese New Year in the Desert, and DECA.

"Bill is a very humble and caring leader. He lets his actions speak louder than his words." - Jan-le Low