



STARR PASS
RESORT & SPA

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Marriott Hotels Give Tucson a Helping Hand

Marriott hotels help serve the Tucson community

Tucson, AZ (6/4/09) – Marriott hotels have established a tradition of excellence in giving back to the communities they serve. Marriott hotels in Tucson, Arizona are no exception. Since the start of 2009, JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa has collected needed funds and donated much time to the organizations in need in Tucson.

This May, volunteers from a number of Tucson Marriott hotels banded together to help the Tucson Community Food Bank. Their efforts were part of Marriott's company-wide Spirit to Serve Our Communities Day.

The Tucson Marriott team was able to sort through 32 pallets of recent food donations to help with the future foods needs of Tucson's hungry.

In addition, the Marriott team bagged over 960 care packages of food (8 pallets worth), which were sent to needy and deserving recipients throughout all of Southern Arizona.

Marriott's tradition of giving never ends. Earlier this year, JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa held a Candy-Gram Fundraiser, where Starr Pass associates sent lollipops and notes to each other for Valentine's Day. **This effort raised \$1,000, which was presented to the Community Food Bank in**



The JW Marriott Starr Pass team presents the check to Pauline Hechler, Vice President of Development, the Tucson Community Food Bank. Big Red, Jerheme Urban and Jason Banks from the Arizona Cardinals were all on hand.

May. This \$1,000 will allow the Community Food Bank to make \$9,000 worth of food purchases.

The JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa, along with other Tucson Marriott hotels, are truly making an impact on hunger and malnutrition in the Tucson community.

For more information on Marriott's community efforts, please visit www.marriott.com.

About JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa

Having been named to *Travel + Leisure* World's Best Hotels Top 500 List two years running (2008, 2009), Starr Pass draws on the beauty of its mountainous location. The resort incorporates the natural desert as its landscape design theme. With 575 spacious guestrooms, 88,000 sq. ft. of meeting space, five restaurants, a 20,000 sq. ft. spa, four separate pools, a lazy river and water slide, an Arnold Palmer Signature golf facility consisting of 27 holes and practice facilities and 888 underground and covered parking spaces, the resort boasts of being not only the largest resort in southern Arizona but also the only true eco-resort in Tucson. This eco theme extends to its Primo restaurant that serves only organic and jet fresh fish, its Hashani Spa, which uses natural desert plant oils and its direct access to the Tucson Mountain Park for fabulous hiking and mountain biking trails. To quote Bill Marriott, "you can build all types of amenities but it would be impossible to duplicate what Starr Pass has, the Tucson Mountain Park." The JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa is located at 3800 W. Starr Pass and can be reached directly by calling (520) 792-3500. Please visit www.jwmarriottstarrpass.com.

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