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PLAZA HOTEL & CASINO HONORED AT COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOL'S POWER WITHIN AWARDS BREAKFAST

(LAS VEGAS) – Communities In Schools honored The Plaza Hotel & Casino at its Power Within awards breakfast at the Historic 5th Street School on Wednesday, May 13, 2015. The Plaza was selected as Communities In Schools' Volunteer Partner of the Year. The Plaza is being honored for the volunteer work they have done at Sunrise Acres Elementary School.

"It is an honor to be recognized by Communities In Schools," Vice President/General Manager, Michael Pergolini said. "Each month it is a privilege for our team members to volunteer at Sunrise Acres Elementary School and get to meet the wonderful students, teachers and families."

The Plaza began its partnership with Sunrise Acres Elementary School with a back-to-school supplies drive. When they visited to the school to deliver the supplies and met the faculty and students, the Plaza team members knew they wanted to do more. Since then, each month Plaza team members volunteer at Communities In School's mobile food pantry and hand out 50 pounds to each of the 300 Sunrise Acres families who visit the pantry. Additionally, The Plaza has made donations for school uniforms and for a trip for students to go to Wet 'N Wild.

Located at the crest of the historic Downtown District in Las Vegas, The Plaza Hotel and Casino combines a vintage Rat Pack attitude with modern styling for the ultimate Vegas experience. Originally built in 1971 on the site of the original Las Vegas railroad depot, The Plaza boasts 1,003 rooms and suites recently renovated with custom-designed Mark David furnishings, a 500-seat classic Vegas showroom with nationally recognized entertainment, and a variety of dining venues led by the world-famous Oscar's Beef-Booze-Broads steakhouse in the iconic Dome overlooking the Fremont Street Experience. The Plaza also has more than 500 slot machines and favorite table games, Downtown's largest Race and Sports Book with 75 flat screen televisions, Downtown's only Bingo Hall, and 30,000 square feet of ballroom and meeting space. The hotel is owned and managed by PlayLV Gaming, which also owns and operates the Las Vegas Club Casino.

Operating in 43 school sites in Southern Nevada, Western Nevada and Northeastern Nevada, Communities In Schools of Nevada serves over 44,000 students. Nationally, Communities In Schools provides services in more than 2,200 schools in 26 states and the District of Columbia, serving 1.3 million young people and their families every year. As the nation's leading dropout prevention organization, Communities In Schools is the only program proven to both decrease dropout rates and increase graduation rates. For more information, please see our website <http://www.cisnevada.org>.

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