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**FIRST ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT "HOT TICKET" CASINO GALA
A GREAT SUCCESS FOR THE CHANDLER CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER**

(Phoenix, AZ) The Chandler Christian Community Center, the only food and clothing bank in the city of Chandler, is pleased to announce the first annual "Hot Ticket" Casino Gala fundraising event, which was held Fri., Sept. 12, 2008 at the Ocotillo Golf Resort, was a resounding success! Not only did the guests have an exciting evening at the casino-style gambling tables, the event raised almost \$13,000 for the vital services the CCCC provides for the most disadvantaged people in the area. The monies raised will help offset the 30% increase in demand that the CCCC has experienced in 2008.

Richard Stanford, president of the CCCC stated... "This is our first fundraising gala and it was such an enjoyable affair, everyone had a lot of fun and we will definitely have another Casino Gala in the fall of 2009, which we will work to make bigger and more successful than this one."

Without the generous help from the business community and caring individuals, the event would not have been such a hit. The CCCC extends heart-felt thanks to the major corporate sponsors: the **Chandler Compadres**, Dean Rust, the

store manager of **Wal-Mart**, who donated the Flat Panel HDTV that was the Grand Prize in the raffle drawing, the **Ocotillo Golf Resort**, and **Holiday Inn Ocotillo**. In addition, more than thirty silent auction items were donated, which garnered almost \$1,000 for the organization. Moreover, five volunteers from Covance Laboratories managed the entire silent auction and donated their time that evening. The CCCC is most appreciative of all the volunteers that are so vital to the success of any fundraising event.

The Chandler Christian Community Center is the only food and clothing bank in the city of Chandler. The food bank is stocked by donations from the community, local grocers and restaurants. Both emergency food and supplemental food boxes are available free to the needy.

Founded in 1966, the mission of the CCCC is to meet the basic human needs, including emergency food and clothing, for people in crisis in the Chandler community and to work to empower individuals and families by providing programs that develop skills needed for self-sufficiency and long-term change. Although the majority of clients reside within the downtown redevelopment area of Chandler, the CCCC services extend to residents in the surrounding area.

Programs that the Chandler Christian Community Center provides include the **“Back to School”** program for children by giving backpacks filled with school supplies, school uniforms, clothing and shoes to more than 200 children. The **“Operation Santa”** provides holiday gifts to more than 1,000 children annually. In addition, the CCCC provides free **“English as a Second Language”** classes and **“Job Services”** classes, which provides classes and consulting on job search skills and other employment aspects.

For more information on becoming involved with the Chandler Christian Community Center, or to donate money or items to a very worthy cause, please phone (480) 963-1423.