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PizzaRev Fundraiser Nets \$5,831.11 for Gabriel's House

*Photo caption: Top L to R: Richard Long (student), Palmdale Mayor Jim Ledford, Leticia Contreras (Mgr, PizzaRev), Natalia Meza (student), Aleena Sanchez (student)
Bot L to R: Christopher Rios (student), Mia Hernandez (student), Isabell Meza (student), Eric Rios (student), Victoria Weber (PizzaRev Crew), Jasmine Jones (PizzaRev), Kambree Griffie (PizzaRev)*

PALMDALE – A fundraising event held at the grand opening of the new PizzaRev restaurant in Palmdale on Thursday, April 2 netted a total of \$5,831.11 for the City of Palmdale's Neighborhood House #3, known as "Gabriel's House."

The "craft your own pizza" restaurant, located at 748 West Rancho Vista Blvd (at the Shops at Rancho Vista Gateway), donated 100% of the proceeds from the opening to Gabriel's House, a music and performing arts program provided by the City of Palmdale which offers local children the opportunity to develop their creative talents, free of charge. Guests on that day were invited to "pay-what-they-wanted" for a custom-built, personal-sized pizza, with a suggested \$8 contribution to benefit Gabriel's House.

Students who have been taking guitar and Folklorico dance classes at Gabriel's House were on hand to perform at the grand opening.

"We really appreciate what PizzaRev has done for Gabriel's House and all the students," said Housing Coordinator Terri-Lei Wheeler. "We are so appreciative that PizzaRev shares our commitment of expanding the arts to Palmdale's youth."

“PizzaRev is a passionate supporter of the organizations that positively impact the communities where we do business, and Gabriel’s House truly makes a difference in the lives of local children,” said PizzaRev co-founder and COO, Nicholas Eckerman.

For more information about the City’s Neighborhood Houses, please call Neighborhood Services at 661/267-5126.

About Gabriel’s House

The Palmdale City Council voted unanimously to approve the dedication of a home in Focus Neighborhood 3 for a new Neighborhood House, and name it “Gabriel’s House” in memory of eight-year-old Gabriel Fernandez who was tragically killed. Working with local partners, “Gabriel’s House” will serve as a music and performing arts center to provide children in the area with the opportunity to develop their creative talents. For more information on Gabriel’s House, please call at 661/267-5930