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Record setting Tip-A-Cop benefits Special Olympics Ventura County

The annual Tip-a-Cop, held at Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill in Camarillo, proved to be a sizzling success, generating a record setting \$15,405 for Special Olympics Ventura County, on July 21, 2009.

Twenty representatives of the Ventura County Sheriff's Department teamed with Wood Ranch staff and served a high volume of enthusiastic diners, with all tips for the evening becoming tax-deductible donations to Special Olympics Ventura County.

McGruff the Crime Dog ("Take a bite out of crime!") and Officer Phoebe (police K-9) and her handler, were there to entertain kids and adults. Kids were offered the chance to sit in a real patrol car and turn on the lights and siren, and pretend to be real deputies.

"The Wood Ranch locations have always been our most popular Tip-A-Cops," states Sheriff's Deputy Mike Zabarsky, "We are so appreciative of the enthusiasm displayed by Wood Ranch servers, and for the support of the Wood Ranch owners and executive staff. This, and the support of all who attended, helped contribute to the record donations. We thank them all!"

Ofer Shemtov, co-founder of Wood Ranch adds, "We're always proud to help support Special Olympics. This is such a valuable program and everyone at Wood Ranch is happy to play a part."

More than a dozen restaurants and eight law enforcement agencies team up throughout the year in support of Special Olympics Ventura County (SOVC). During "Tip-a-Cop" nights the public is invited to have a good time and support a great cause by dining out and meeting their local law enforcement officers who volunteer to serve meals. Tips for the evening become tax-deductible donations to Special Olympics to provide athletic training and competition for over 700 intellectually disabled children and adults, ages 8 years and up, free of charge, in 11 sports at over 20 training sites throughout Ventura County.

For more information on this event and Special Olympics Ventura County contact SOVC Regional Director Peggi Preston at (805) 650-7717 (Email Ppreston@sosc.org)

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