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## **The Perfect Excuse to Eat Out: Applebee's to Help Special Olympics Athletes**

*Local Law Enforcement and Applebee's Team Up to Raise Money for Special Olympics Nevada*

**What:** On Thursday March 20, all Applebee's Restaurants in Las Vegas will open their doors and hearts to special needs children and kick off a year of "Tip-A-Cop" events to raise money and public awareness for Special Olympics. Applebee's locations will have uniformed local law enforcement available during lunch and dinner hours to help serve beverages, collect donations and speak with customers about Special Olympics Nevada.

This event is the first Tip-A-Cop event of 2008 and promises to kick off a successful year of fundraising for Special Olympics Nevada. Las Vegas residents are encouraged to eat at Applebee's during lunch with co-workers or with friends and family for dinner.

The Applebee's restaurant near the Galleria at Sunset in Henderson will be manned by the Nevada Highway Patrol, who will be on hand to serve refreshments and speak with customers about Special Olympics programs. The other Applebee's locations and corresponding law enforcement agencies that will be available at that location are listed below:

- 8730 W. Charleston Blvd. - City of Las Vegas Marshals
- 2070 N. Rainbow - Metro NW Area Command
- 3501 South Rainbow - Metro SW Area Command
- 1635 W. Craig Road - North Las Vegas Police Dept.
- 820 E. Warm Springs – CCSD Police Department & UNLV Police Department
- 500 N. Nellis Blvd. - –Metro NE Area Command
- 699 N. Stephanie - Nevada Highway Patrol - Southern Command
- 10305 S. Eastern Ave. - Henderson Police Department
- 4605 W. Charleston Blvd. - Metro Bolden and Downtown Area Command

**When:** Thursday, March 20 for both lunch and dinner; lunch from 11am-3pm, dinner from 5pm – 9pm.

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**Photo Opps:** Nevada Highway Troopers in full uniform taking orders and delivering drinks, Customers giving tips for Special Olympics to Nevada Highway Troopers, Nevada Highway Troopers talking with customers about Special Olympics, Special Olympics athletes conversing with customers.

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