

The 'Live With Courage' Camp Courage Fundraising Event took place on February 4, 2024. It was sponsored by Law Tigers Arizona and held at the Main Stage music venue & bar in Cottonwood, AZ

Shared by Rebecca Riffel, owner of Main Stage

Rex the CEO of Arizona Burn Foundation came in today and I was able to hand over a check for \$18,098 from the money that was raised here at Main Stage on Feb 4th at the Camp Courage Fundraising Event sponsored by Law Tigers Arizona.

This money will send 12 children burn survivors to Camp Courage this year, to spend a life-changing week at a camp which will serve as an integral milestone in their burn journey. This is full circle for me, as this is a camp that I personally went to as a child after suffering 3rd degree burns to 17% of my body. Camp Courage is a camp that changed my life in the most positive way after some of the toughest times for me and my family. This camp helped give me the courage to endure the year of bandages and treatments and painful healing that I needed.

It's a camp that showed me that I wasn't alone in what I had endured and that I could still be a kid despite any trauma we endured. But my love for the Arizona Burn Foundation doesn't stem just from my own experience. It stems from the stories of the children I met, of how they came to be burn survivors, and the trauma they had experienced. It's the little boy Mikey that was in the hospital room next to me for months at the burn unit who, at 5 years old, reached for a french fry from a boiling pot when his babysitter wasn't looking and now had 80% of his body in 3rd degree burns. Mikey would spend months in the hospital and years of treatments and surgeries and navigate a life of people looking at him differently from his visible scars. It's watching Mikey later at camp, smiling and laughing and just being able to be a kid again for a week without anyone looking at him because he looked different from any other kid.

It's the kids that have endured more than we can imagine and their inspiration and courage to embrace their scars and heal from it. Their stories, their courage and their strength is something I have carried with me throughout my life. So this is for all those kids, to give hope back to them when they need it the most. Thank you

to everyone in the community who came together and rallied together for good; to make a lifelong impact for these children and their families. You really are making such a difference and I'm humbled and proud to be a part of it all.

Thank you to EVERYONE that helped make this happen, to everyone that donated, contributed, volunteered and showed up in support! You all did a whole lot of good.

Additional follow up & acknowledgements from Main Stage ...

"THANK YOU, THANK YOU, and THANK YOU! I'm so excited to announce that last Sunday at the Camp Courage Fundraising Extravaganza, we raised over \$18K for the Arizona Burn Foundation's Camp Courage! What a community can do when we rally together for good is amazing! And this community showed up! It was a packed house all day with such great energy and so much love. I couldn't be more humbled and grateful to be a part of it all. It takes a lot of amazing people to pull this off, and we are thankful for each and every one of you. We hit this one out of the park for sure!

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\$18,000 brings a tear to my eye for what was raised, and just as important it will bring hope to so many young burn survivors. We almost doubled the amount raised last year! The cost per camper is \$1,500, which means we can send 12 campers to spend a life-changing week at a camp, which will serve as an integral milestone in their burn journey.

Thank you to the Law Tigers Arizona, for not only sponsoring this amazing event but for all the work you do leading up to and during the event. It would not happen without you and we love you guys. They also organized 80 amazing riders who came up from Buddy Stubbs Harley-Davidson and rode up to the event on Sunday braving the cold. Thank You Neanderpaul from KSLX 100.7 PHX for riding up from PHX as well and helping announce on stage. Thank you to Yavapai Broadcasting for the live broadcasting and all the help you extended to us for this event as well.

Thank you to the @Sisterhood Connection Foundation, Inc. for all the work you do to help make this happen. From collecting donations to working the event, to the popcorn, cotton candy, and cupcakes, and to our littlest sisters who sold lemonade for the event and donated all the money for Camp Courage!

Thank you to the Vintage Photo Co. - Photo Booth Trailer in Northern Arizona for coming out and donating amazing photos for family and friends all day!

Thank you to Cindy from Looky Lulus, who did an amazing job at face painting for the kiddos! And Mad Honey Food Truck and Nana's Tacos! And of course to Harley Davidson, (the man) & WELL DRESSED WOLVES for the killer music. You guys rocked and kept the dance floor packed!

Special thank you to the Cottonwood Arizona Fire Department for bringing the truck out and spending the day with us. The kids loved checking out the new ladder truck and so did we! Thank you to our amazing Sedona Police Department Chief of Police Stephanie Foley & our Cottonwood Arizona Police Department Chief Christopher Dowell for letting us auction them off with a Ride-A-Long!! That was amazing and so much fun!

Thank You to everyone and to every business that donated items for our silent auction, live raffles, and raffles. Ambiente A Landscape Hotel the 2-Night stay donation was such a hit! Jay Conner from Law Tigers Arizona. Thank you for the amazing E-Bike worth \$4000 & rocking it all day with us!

And THANK YOU, to all these amaz-

ing local business that donated: Vital Essence Bodywork & Botanicals Billy Desmond: Custom woodwork butcher board. ARtery Tattoo. Verde Canyon Railroad. Breakthru Distributors. Southern Distributors. Sedona Golf Resort. Oak Creek Country Club. DA Vines Vineyard. Belfry Brewery. Moscato Italian Restaurant Pines Inn & Suites: 2 Night Stay. Hensley Distributors: Custom Wooden Cornhole Set. Laser Lounge Cottonwood. Old Town Red Rooster Cafe . Convenient Chiropractic Care Pillsbury Wine Company. @Manzanita Restaurant Noah Pfeffer: Custom Jewelry. Christopher's Meals, Chef Chris Dobrowolski. SpringHill Suites by Marriott. THE ASYLUM Restaurant. Cliff Castle Casino Hotel & Storytellers Restaurant. Wild lilac skin studio. Neck OfThe Woods Screen Printing. Jerome's Jewelry, Rick Hernandez Designs. Mystic Mountain Treasures, Jerome. Cove Mesa Vineyard. Spirit of the Past Law Tigers: 2 Tickets to Doo-bie Brothers Concert at Footprint Center. Bananas in Old Town 10-12 Lounge. @Copper Mountain Bookstore. Four Eight Wineworks. The Hive Eatery & Juice Bar. Pink Rain. Looky LuLus

We love and appreciate you!!"