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Benefit Raises \$8M for Agassi School in Vegas

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LAS VEGAS (AP) -- A weekend benefit concert raised nearly \$8 million to support retired tennis star [Andre Agassi's](#) public [charter school](#) in Las Vegas.

Officials say Agassi's foundation, used to support the Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy, also received a pledge of \$7.5 million over five years from the Engelstad Family Foundation.

The Saturday concert at the Wynn Las Vegas casino featured comedian Dane Cook, rock band Daughtry, country musician Tim McGraw and R&B singer Brian McKnight.

Officials say the \$7.5 million gift will be used to establish a campaign to try to raise student funding in Nevada.

The K-12 school uses the concert funds for its operating budget. The school has roughly 600 students and graduated its first high school seniors this year.