



### **Grand Slam For Children Raises Millions**

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It was a night worth millions of dollars for the Andre Agassi Foundations, Grand Slam for Children. The annual fundraiser, hosted by local tennis ace, Andre Agassi once again drew some big entertainers and a lot of money for valley students.

Musicians, actors, and athletes gathered to raise money and lend their support. Each one unified in their belief that children are the future and that's why they were there.

Hero, inspiration, and role model, those were some of the ways celebrities described tennis legend and Las Vegas native Andre Agassi.

"I'm here because of a man by the name of Agassi. He is one of the greatest human beings I know," said celebrity chef Emeril Lagasse.

While the food and music was great, once the celebrities heard what Agassi was doing for education, they wanted in. "Education is their ticket out and to be able to do things they dream of doing I think you give them the tools and they will use them wisely," said professional skater Tony Hawk.

Big named celebrities walked the red carpet and enjoyed a concert and dinner. But the real stars of the night were the students who attend Andre Agassi's school and served as a reminder of where money raised will go.

Jon McCoy, a student at Agassi's school spoke about some of the important lessons he has learned. "My teachers told me that if I can set my mind to it, I can go to college," said McCoy.

It is for reasons like this why Agassi says he dedicates himself to changing children's lives through quality education. "I had a lack of education because of tennis. I left school and I do

regret that and wish I could have focused on other options, but to see kids who don't have tennis, not have hope, I just didn't want to see that happen," said Agassi.

Agassi says even in these tough economic times, he believes education, especially for children in low income communities, needs to come first.

The Andre Agassi Foundation for Education says Saturday Nights event raised close to \$8 million for children right here in the valley.