

Stockton Arena's Winter Wonderland Event Helped Support Local Families during the Holidays

- Food donations helped serve 1,700 local families for Thanksgiving and 1,300 families for Christmas; money raised will be donated to Transitional Learning Center -

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STOCKTON, CA – Nearly 3,600 people attended the Stockton Arena Winter Wonderland event that was held on December 21-23, and while they skated to the holiday music, they also made a big difference in helping their community. Over 2,500 pounds of food were collected at the event for the San Joaquin Emergency Food Bank, which helped the organization serve 1,700 families for Thanksgiving and 1,300 families for Christmas. \$2,000 was also raised from skating fees and will be donated to ONE.TLC (Transitional Learning Center), a school for homeless children in Stockton.

“The past year has been very tough for many in our community and the holidays are always particularly difficult,” said Yvonne Derby, Food Development Manager at the San Joaquin Emergency Food Bank. “We are very thankful for the effort the Stockton Arena staff put into organizing this really fun event and for the donations of the skaters that have so positively impacted the lives of the families we support.”

“ONE.TLC is one of the organizations supported by Food 4 Less,” said Alesha Pichler, Manager of Events and Promotions for Food 4 Less. “We are thrilled with our partnership with the Stockton Arena and to be able to donate \$2,000 to the school.”

“The Stockton Arena staff has always believed in giving back to the community where we work and live,” said Chuck Kemp, Stockton Arena General Manager. “We had a great turnout and through the generosity of those attendees we were able to help make the holidays a little better for the neediest in our community. We look forward to hosting the event again next year.”

Winter Wonderland is a holiday celebration where kids and adults can skate at the Stockton Arena for as little as \$5. This is the second year that the Arena hosted the event.

About The Stockton Arena

The Stockton Arena in Stockton, California is a 10,000-seat arena managed and operated by International Facilities Group (IFG). The Stockton Arena is located at 248 W. Fremont Street Stockton CA, 95203 and is home to the arena football league Stockton Lightning, The Stockton Thunder minor league hockey team and The California Cougars indoor soccer team. The arena was recently named “Top 10 – Top Stops” in California by Venues Today. The facility is part of the Banner Island mixed-use waterfront development in downtown Stockton, which includes the arena, a 5,000-seat ballpark, 150 room conference hotel and 45,000 square feet of retail. The arena is 230,000 square feet and includes 24 suites, 400 club seats, 5,000 square feet of meeting rooms and administrative offices. For more information about The Stockton Arena call (209) 373-1400 or visit www.stocktonarena.com.