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First annual 'POKER WITH THE PROS' CHARITY GALA  
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**Las Vegas, Nevada**.....The Mesquite Club of Las Vegas in partnership with Portfolio Realty Group and co-hosted by the First Family of Poker, Oklahoma Johnny, Oklahoma Sarah and Carol Hale will be holding their first annual 'Poker with the Pros' charity event with proceeds benefiting the **Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth** ([www.NPHY.com](http://www.NPHY.com).) The event will be held at 18 Augusta Way, in an 11,000 sq ft private residence behind the guard gates of exclusive Southern Highlands Golf Club built by Mike & Michelle Seman of Premier Development Group, and will include a couture fashion show by Saks Fifth Avenue, lavish food stations provided by Master Chef Gustav Mauler, full bar and wine tasting, a silent auction, live entertainment and an exotic car show. Celebrity poker players will vie for Texas Hold'em cash prizes.

According to Gwenn Rypkema of Portfolio Realty Group and Co-Chair of the event, "as the current economic crisis widens, and the number of homeless youth grows exponentially, the time could not be more profound or need so great." High unemployment and the foreclosure crisis are believed to be direct contributors to the spike in Nevada youths on the streets. NPHY is the only youth service provider in Nevada with a continuum of care extending from street outreach and 24 hour crisis intervention to a full-time drop-in center and independent living program. "We are moved at the outpouring of support from generous sponsors in both the private and business sectors we are receiving", says Jackie Bustios, event Chair and Owner/Broker of Portfolio Realty Group. Officials at the Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth say they have seen a 100-percent increase in youth on the streets since this time last year.

"Although the numbers of kids on the street is rising, the amount of donations made towards their cause is not," Kathleen Boutin, founder of the NPHY says. This year's event will help raise money for NPHY's ongoing operating costs as well as the ever-important construction of their new building that promises to greatly expand the capacity of youth they can accommodate. The Safe Place drop-in center currently located at 4800 S. Maryland Parkway, has a small library, a shower, food pantry, clothing closet, respite room, classroom and personal business station for the youth.

Mesquite Club of Las Vegas is the oldest non-profit women's community service club in Las Vegas whose members are dedicated to community improvements through volunteer service.

Gala tickets are \$250 each and \$250 buy-ins for Poker with \$50 charitable re-buys. Silent Auction items and Cash donations are being accepted at Portfolio Realty Group's main offices at 5135 So Fort Apache Road. All checks should be made payable to the Mesquite Club of Las Vegas. 501c3 tax deduction information available.