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Hungry? Whether you're a frugal foodie looking for an excuse to dine out or an established eater wanting to try a new spot, Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS presents an awesome opportunity for you to gorge at more than 100 Valley restaurants and make a difference in the lives of many. April 29 2010, a portion of proceeds from meals eaten at select restaurants in our metro will support the prevention, research and support for those in the Valley of the Sun with HIV/AIDS.



How it Works

All a diner needs to do to contribute is visit one of the participating restaurants April 29 during the designated meals. All participating restaurants and details can be found here.

A true community effort, Dining Out For Life is one day where restaurants, sponsors and Valley citizens join together to fight HIV and AIDS. Sponsors can donate cash or exposure to the cause and promote dining out, and Dining Out For Life Ambassadors help by promoting the cause and driving people to the participating restaurants. For more information on sponsorships, click here. To become an ambassador, click here.

Participating restaurants offer a portion of all proceeds from breakfast, lunch, dinner (or any combination of the three) to the cause. Restaurants can donate different amounts and different meals, with most contributing 25% or 50% of proceeds on that day to the SW Center for HIV/AIDS.

All-Star Participants

While many donate a portion of proceeds to the cause, six standout restaurants are donating a generous 100% of proceeds from meals on April 20 to the center.

On the following page, read about the spots where you can make the biggest dining difference.



Barrio Cafe

Barrio Cafe will be donating 100% of lunch proceeds to the cause.

In 2002, partners Wendy Gruber and chef Silvana Salcido Esparza made Barrio Cafe a reality. The little neighborhood eatery has an authentic southern Mexico cuisine with original flavor and an unpretentious atmosphere. The restaurant is critically-acclaimed and remains one of the hottest and most original spots in the entire Valley. Barrio is located at 2814 N. 16th St., Phoenix, AZ 85006. Reservations can be made by calling 602.636.0240.



FEZ Restaurant & Bar

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FEZ Restaurant & Bar is donating 100% of proceeds from meals eaten between 4:30 p.m. and midnight April 29.

Sleek and urban, the ultra-hip FEZ Restaurant & Bar is located smack dab in the middle of central Phoenix. Offering fresh and flavorful food with a Mediterranean influence and delicious original martini and margarita options, FEZ Restaurant & Bar is an awesome spot to wind down after a long day. FEZ Restaurant & Bar is located at 3815 N. Central Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85012. Reservations are needed for parties of 6-10 and can be made by calling 602.287.8700. Parties of more than 10, please.



Hidden House Cocktail Lounge

Hidden House Cocktail Lounge is donating 100% of lunches and dinners purchased April 29 to Dining Out For Life.

A walk on the wild side, Hidden House Cocktail Lounge Lounge is tons of fun. Between the inexpensive specials, juke box, comedy nights and pool tables, you'll have the time of your life. Hidden House is located at 607 W. Osborn Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85013.

Click Next to read more about the spots where you can make the biggest dining difference.



Roscoe's Gay Sports Bar & Grill

Roscoe's Gay Sports Bar & Grill will donate 100% of proceeds from lunch and dinners eaten on April 29 to Dining Out for Life.

The Valley's only gay Sports Bar and Grill, Roscoe's is located in central Phoenix and has won numerous awards. Their 13 TVs and LCD technology make any sports experience awesome- every seat is the best seat in the house! They pride themselves on affordable drinks and serve up delicious burgers, wraps, salads, chicken sandwiches, boneless wings and pizza. Roscoe's Gay Sports Bar & Grill is located at 4531 N. 7th St., Phoenix, AZ 85014, and can be reached at 602.285.0833.



SWITCH Restaurant & Wine Bar

SWITCH Restaurant & Wine Bar will donate 100% of dinner sales to the cause on April 29.

SWITCH is a clean, contemporary lunch and dinner destination located on Central Avenue. With American and European meals for basic and adventurous palates, guests can enjoy burgers, seafood, steak, crepes, poultry and beyond. Between the variety of awesome plates and fun patios, lounges and open spaces, SWITCH is located at 2603 N. Central Ave., Phoenix AZ, 85004, and reservations are preferred. Call 602.264.2295 for reservations.



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Ticoz Resto-Bar

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This self-proclaimed "chill, sexy lounge" is a sleek twist on cuisine from Central America, South America, Mexico and the islands. Enjoy modern interpretations of tacos, enchiladas, tamales and even burgers. Make a night of it when you step next door to the hoppin' bar, and enjoy one of many delicious cocktails. Ticoz is located at 5114 N. 7th St., Phoenix AZ, 85014, and reservations can be made at 602.200.0160.

About Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS

Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS is Arizona's oldest and largest nonprofit AIDS service organization providing a combination of prevention, research and wellness support to serve 70 percent of Arizona's nearly 13,000 residents infected with HIV/AIDS who live in Maricopa County.

Since 1988, Southwest Center has been on the front lines addressing a steady increase in the demand for HIV/AIDS testing and counseling, prevention education, wellness support services, and clinical trials to help Arizona men, women and teens impacted by the disease.

Southwest Center's mission is to lead the fight against HIV/AIDS by preventing the disease, by improving the quality of life for those who are impacted, and by contributing to worldwide research.