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OUR MISSION

The mission of the California Barbecue Association is to teach, enjoy, preserve, and promote barbeque as a true American food. To help various children's charities in California by conducting barbecue events throughout the state of California.

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Happy New Year BBQers

By Steph Franklin

It is my privilege to highlight the 2018 charitable contributions for the California BBQ Association. The Charitable Contributions Committee and the Board of Directors are pleased to announce that the following children's charities will receive donations from the CBBQA to further advance their specific causes to improve the lives of our youth:

The Martin Luther Freedom Center Oakland, CA

The Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Center was founded by Oakland community organizers responsible for what was the first, and largest, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. march and rally on the west coast. After years of organizing major region-wide commemorations of Dr. King's life and work, leadership from that body determined that an organization dedicated to carrying out the principles which guided Dr. King, would provide valuable community uplift in the nettlesome task of navigating impacts of race divides, poverty, and violence affecting schools and communities (1995).

The Martin Luther King Jr Freedom Center collaborates with educational, faith-based, and community –based initiatives to advance youth and family civic engagement, ethical leadership, and economic and educational equity through personal transformation, in the East Bay Region's most vulnerable high-poverty communities.

Liberty Lodge - Santa Clara, CA

Projects to where the CBBQA dollars are going towards:

• **Raising a Reader** – a program where books and book bags are donated to disadvantaged school districts to help raise the literacy of children.

• **Kindle Fire E-Readers** – a program where 36 E-Readers are donated to Kindergarten/1st/2nd graders in 6 local elementary schools. Again, this is an effort to help with the literacy issues of children in the community.

• **Masons for Mitts** – this program raises funds to buy baseball gloves for children in disadvantaged inner city schools who might never have the opportunity to own a glove. The program teaches camaraderie, sportsmanship, and teamwork.

• **The Order of DeMolay, Job's Daughter's International, and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls** - youth programs that teach social skills, speech, leadership, and the ideals of community service. CBBQA's donations help send members to Leadership Camps and to aid their philanthropy efforts around the community.

NDR Therapeutic Racing Norco, CA

The NDR Therapeutic Riding center believes that the human-horse bond enables success for exceptional children and adults where traditional modalities have been ineffective. In partnership with the spirit of the horse, PATH International (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship), certified instructors provide opportunities to achieve developmental milestones through therapeutic play while learning to ride a horse. Equine assisted activities promote motor skills, se-

quencing, social connections, focus, competency, and confidence.

We are also pleased to let our members know that, for the first time in six to seven years, the CBBQA offered a BBQ class in Northern California! The class was hosted in Livermore at Smoked Seduction BBQ Supply and Catering. In Southern California, we hosted a BBQ 101 class at The Woodshed.

Additionally, the board of directors voted to have a BBQ competition in concert with our annual awards ceremony. We were very excited to see our contest come together with the help of our promoter, Jim Palmer and our sponsors Big Poppa Smokers, Snake River Farms, The Woodshed, Smoked Seduction, Simply Marvelous BBQ, and Yeti Coolers. The Golden State Battle shockingly surpassed our expectations and sold out in two weeks. We look forward to seeing many teams and members on January 25-26 at Cachuma Lake for this inaugural event!

It has been nice to see the success of our Team of the Year program to include Arizona and Nevada. In all, we had over 23 contests between Arizona, Nevada, and California. Kudos go out to all promoters and teams for making this a successful 2018 ToY race.

Finally, I want to thank our sponsors for the 2018 ToY race. It was exciting to see five teams with a shot at winning the title. In the end, Big Poppa Smokers captured the crown for the third consecutive year!

Cheers,

Steph

The California BBQ Association would like to thank the 2018 Team of the Year sponsors:



2018 CBBQA ToY FINAL Standings

- 1) Big Poppa Smokers
- 2) Ridge Route Boys BBQ
- 3) Simply Marvelous BBQ
- 4) Burnin And Lootin
- 5) Sharpe Gourmet Cooking Wood
- 6) Son of Smoke
- 7) 7-8-9 BBQ
- 8) Lady Of Q
- 9) Rooftop BBQ
- 10) Toot & Stinky's Cali-Q