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NICK'S PIZZA & PUB HOSTS "BENEFIT FUNDRAISER" FOR LOCAL GIRL

ELGIN - Nick's Pizza & Pub is hosting a fundraiser for Abigail Mendoza who was diagnosed with Stage 4 Neuroblastoma in February 2007. The "Benefit Fundraiser" is being held on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at Nick's Pizza & Pub at 990 South Randall Road in Elgin from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm. Nick's Pizza & Pub is donating 100% of its net profits for the day to the family of Abigail. The community can show its support by dining at Nick's Pizza & Pub or placing a carry out order any time on November 8.

Abigail is four years old and loves to dance and sing. Her favorite movie is Barbie in the Nutcracker. In addition, Abigail has one sister named Amanda, two years of age who is her best friend.

"We are extremely grateful to Nick's for hosting this fundraiser on behalf of Abigail and our family," remarks Judy Mendoza, mother of the family. *"It is just so wonderful to have a place that is so involved in the community and giving back."*

"After hearing about the family's situation I immediately knew that I wanted to contribute in some way," commented owner Nick Sarillo. *"We are looking forward to seeing the community come out in support of this deserving family."*

Originally from Elgin, the Mendoza family has had to move to Chicago where Abigail can be close to the University of Chicago Comer for her treatment. Abigail has undergone over 250 treatments and has responded well to each ; however, the road to recovery is long. Her father Michael works at Abbott Labs in contractor safety and her mother Judy works as a freelance editor. Currently, Judy is taking time off to stay home and take care of Abigail.

For additional information regarding fundraisers, or to let Nick's Pizza & Pub know of a possible fundraiser recipient, please call the special events department at (815) 356-5559.

About Nick's Pizza & Pub - We opened our first restaurant in 1995 and we operate full service family restaurants in Elgin and Crystal Lake, Illinois. We were chosen by the National Restaurant Association as the Illinois' winner of the Restaurant Neighbor Award for its community contributions in 2007. We have been featured in Newsweek.com, the *Chicago Tribune's* Business section, and *Pizza Today* magazine.

We offer dine-in and carry-out pizzas and sandwiches, carry-out catering and we host banquets from 30 to 100 guests. For more information, please visit our website at: <http://www.nickspizzapub.com/>. ###

OUR PURPOSE

"THE NICK'S EXPERIENCE"

*Our dedicated family
provides this community an unforgettable place;
to connect with your family and friends,
to have fun and to feel at home!*

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