PRO ATHLETE TONY HAWK WINS $173,800 FOR FEEDING SAN DIEGO DURING HIS TURN ON SERIES PREMIERE OF CELEBRITY WHEEL OF FORTUNE

San Diego-based skateboarding legend chose to play for leading hunger-relief nonprofit

SAN DIEGO (January 25, 2021) — On the premiere of the brand-new series Celebrity Wheel of Fortune, a new format of the beloved game show, professional athlete Tony Hawk not only selected Feeding San Diego as his charity to play for, but won $173,800 for the organization. This donation will help Feeding San Diego immensely as it continues to play a crucial role in providing hunger relief to the vast number of San Diegans currently unemployed during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

“We are incredibly grateful to Tony Hawk for choosing us to receive this incredible donation that will help so many in need right now,” says Dan Shea, CEO of Feeding San Diego. “This significant donation will provide a huge number of meals to families and children facing hunger, whose futures remain uncertain because of the pandemic.”

Hosted by Pat Sajak and Vanna White, Celebrity Wheel of Fortune features celebrity contestants who spin the wheel and solve word puzzles for a chance to win up to one million dollars for charity. Hawk, a longtime supporter of Feeding San Diego, was one of the first guests on the show, alongside comedian Leslie Jones and actress Chandra Wilson. He used his turn to swiftly raise much-needed funds for the nonprofit by solving a variety of word puzzles. In fact, it was the phrase “Fried Calamari” that earned him $100,000, toward the end of the game.

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ABOUT FEEDING SAN DIEGO

[Feeding San Diego](#) is a non-profit organization on a mission to connect every person facing hunger with nutritious meals by maximizing food rescue. Established in 2007, Feeding San Diego is the leading hunger-relief and food rescue organization in San Diego County and the only Feeding America affiliate in the region. Feeding San Diego provides more than 31.2 million meals every year to children, families, seniors, college students, military families, and veterans in partnership with a network of 320 local charities, schools, faith communities, meal sites, and food pantries. Last year, more than 92 percent of the food provided to the community was rescued. By diverting more than 27 million pounds of food from the landfill, Feeding San Diego reduced greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 25,000 metric tons of CO₂ equivalent, which is comparable to taking 5,300 cars off the road for one year. To learn more about Feeding San Diego and its COVID-19 response, visit [feedingsandiego.org](http://feedingsandiego.org).