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### **HMSHost Donates \$125,000 to Children's Miracle Network** *Los Angeles focused fundraising campaign generated exceptional support for Children's Hospital Los Angeles*

**LOS ANGELES** – At [HMSHost](http://HMSHost.com), a leader in travel shopping and dining with restaurants and retail stores in more than 111 airports worldwide, the phrase “act globally, think locally” is demonstrated in its commitment as a long-time partner of [Children's Miracle Network](http://Children'sMiracleNetwork.com) Hospitals.

Today, HMSHost's Los Angeles International Airport branch presented a donation of \$125,000 from its 2011 fundraising campaign to Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA), a proud member of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Children's Miracle Network Hospitals was founded with two simple goals: Help as many children as possible by raising funds for children's hospitals and help local children by keeping funds in the community in which they were raised. The event took place at **Nate 'n AI** in Terminal 2, HMSHost's newest LAX restaurant.



Receiving the HMSHost donation (L to R): Joanne Reyes, Assistant Vice President, Corporate Partnerships and Cause Marketing Foundation Department, Children's Hospital Los Angeles; Rich Bennett, Senior Director of Operations, HMSHost LAX Int'l Airport; Joe Waller, VP of Business Development, HMSHost; Mark Mendelson, Co-Owner, Nate 'n AI Delicatessen; and Mary Grady, Los Angeles World Airports Director of Media and Public Relations.

“We are both grateful for 2011 and excited about our 2012 partnership with HMSHost at LAX,” said Joanne Reyes, Assistant Vice President, Corporate Partnerships and Cause Marketing for Children's Hospital. The genuine care that HMSHost has already shown to Children's Hospital is outstanding, and we are proud that HMSHost is helping us create hope and build healthier futures for the children in our community.”

Throughout 2011, HMShost's LAX associates and their families participated in numerous activities including fundraisers, volunteer events and other activities such as:

- Walk for Kids 5K fundraiser;
- Encouraging travelers to donate to CMN coin donation canisters placed at the registers of HMShost's LAX restaurants including California Pizza Kitchen, Brioche Dorée and Starbucks Coffee;
- "Christmas in July" toy drive in partnership with Los Angeles World Airports;
- HMShost associates and their families volunteering to sort and label children's books donated to CHLA;
- "Adoption" of two families in need for CHLA's *Holidays from the Heart* program.



[The \*Nate 'n AI\* location, operated by HMShost, will donate 10% of sales from January 17 to 24 to kick off the 2012 fundraising campaign for Children's Hospital Los Angeles.](#) The flagship location of Nate 'n AI—in Beverly Hills—will do the same.

"We're excited to be a part of the kick-off to HMShost's second Children's Hospital Los Angeles LAX campaign," said Mark Mendelson, Nate 'n AI third generation co-owner. "We encourage all travelers who visit our LAX location in mid-January, or our Beverly Hills restaurant, to support this wonderful cause."

HMShost raises funds for local hospitals affiliated with Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in more than 20 airport and motorway locations across the U.S.

"Not only did our LAX associates advocate for CHLA's mission, but by giving of their time and energy outside of their job duties, they've shown that our 2012 campaign is poised to be just as successful as 2011," said Rich Bennett, HMShost Host's Senior Director of Operations for Los Angeles International Airport. "We also thank all of the travelers who generously donated in support of CHLA, which also made this campaign such a success."

#### **About HMShost**

[HMShost](#) is a world leader in creating dining and shopping for travel venues. HMShost operates in more than 100 airports around the globe, including the 20 busiest airports in North America. The Company has annual sales in excess of \$2.5 billion and employs more than 34,000 sales associates worldwide. HMShost is a part of Autogrill Group, the world's leading provider of food & beverage and retail services for people on the move. With sales of over €5.7 billion in 2010, the Group operates in 35 countries and employs some 62,000 people. It manages over 5,300 stores in more than 1,200 locations worldwide. Visit [www.HMShost.com](http://www.HMShost.com) for more information and find us on [Facebook](#) at *HMShost Making the Traveler's Day Better*.

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