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**SARATOGA CASINO AND RACEWAY DONATES  
\$100,000 TO 16 LOCAL CHARITIES AT  
11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MAKE A DIFFERENCE CELEBRATION**

SARATOGA SPRINGS, New York (October 20, 2015) – Saratoga Casino and Raceway will hold its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Make a Difference celebration next week, presenting 16 local charitable organizations with donations totaling \$100,000.

Saratoga Casino and Raceway launched Make A Difference 11 years ago as a way to provide impactful funding to local organizations. This year's 11<sup>th</sup> annual event brings the total amount provided to \$1.1 million since the program's inception in 2004.

“We look forward to this event every year,” said Rita Cox, Senior Vice President of Marketing at Saratoga Casino and Raceway. “It’s our great pleasure to honor these tremendous organizations that have such an impact on the lives of our employees, families and friends in the Capital Region.”

The 2015 Make a Difference celebration will be held in Vapor on Monday, October 26, at 12:00pm. Benita Zahn will serve as the event's emcee. Around 150 guests and representatives from the community are expected to attend.

The 16 recipients of donations at this year's Make a Difference event are:

**\$10,000**

Boys and Girls Club of Albany  
Homeless Action Committee

**\$7,500**

Capital Roots  
Franklin Community Center, Inc.  
Jake's Help From Heaven  
Make A Wish – Northeast New York  
Regional Food Bank/Patroun Land Farm  
Ronald McDonald House  
To Life!

**\$5,000**

Agricultural Stewardship Association  
AIM Services, Inc.  
Nathan Littauer Foundation, Inc.  
The Wesley Foundation  
Unity House of Troy

**\$1,250**

Building on Love  
Kelly's Angels

Since opening on January 28, 2004, Saratoga Casino and Raceway has contributed more than \$2.5 million to Capital District charities.

Saratoga Casino and Raceway, located on Crescent Avenue in Saratoga Springs, NY, features over 1,700 slots, electronic table games, Vapor Night Club, two full-service restaurants with buffets, a casual dining restaurant, three full-service bars, deli and a variety of guest services including valet parking and coat check. Operating hours for the gaming facility are 8am to 4am every day. Simulcast races can be viewed seven days a week and live harness racing runs March through mid-December. For a full racing schedule and additional information, please visit [www.saratogacasino.com](http://www.saratogacasino.com) or call 800-727-2990. Must be 18 years of age or older to play video gaming machines or wager on horses. Please play responsibly.

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