

Guide Dogs of the Desert held its 5th annual Heroes Brunch at the Agua Caliente Resort Casino Spa in Rancho Mirage on Dec. 10th.

Story and Photos by Pat Krause

Every Year they honor someone that has been invaluable to Guide Dogs of the Desert. This year the honor went to Dr. Albert T. and Dorothy Milauskas and the Milauskas Eye Institute. They have been huge supporters of this charity.



Kevin Towner and Roccie Hill

Executive Director of Guide Dogs of the Desert, Roccie Hill, gave the introduction of the Award to Dr. and Mrs. Milauskas and the Milauskas group.

Event Chairs were Lori Serfling, Peggy Greenbaum and Patrick Mundt.



Nicole Meadowcroft and her dog Snickers

The Guest speaker at the luncheon was Nicole Meadowcroft. She spoke about how she lost her sight and what a blessing her dog Snickers has been to her. She got Snicker in 2010 from Guide Dogs of the Desert and it has changed her life completely.

All the money that was raised thru ticket sales and the silent auction went to the charity as all costs for the luncheon was underwritten by local sponsors.

Guide Dogs breed their own dogs and find volunteers to raise the dog for 18 months. They are then returned to Guide Dogs for further training for 6 more months. Blind or disabled persons then go through training with the dog before they can take the dog home with them, free of charge.

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Dorothy and Dr. Albert T. Milauskas and Harold Matzner



Patrick Mundt, Patty Newman, Peggy and Jim Greenbaum



Cinders Urrea with Wanda the dog, Carolyn Wilcox with Pucci, Carl BLue with Lorrie and Char Weakley with Cookie