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99 RESTAURANT GIVES BACK 100% TO VERNON

(VERNON) On Thursday, August 29th, Vernon's 99 Restaurant celebrated its grand reopening with "a new look, but the same mission" said Mayor George F. Apel, who attended the ribbon cutting and spoke to the 30 attendees and invited guests. "This renovation features photos of Vernon sports teams, prominent events locations in town and has a real feel for who we are, but it is their commitment to our community that makes the 99 Restaurant great", continued Mayor Apel. "We are especially grateful for their donation of \$5235 for the Vernon Public Schools, raised from the silent auction of restaurant memorabilia".

According to Dave Mahaney, General Managing Partner, 99's involvement is based on "a passion to serve our community". The Vernon restaurant originally opened in January 1998. Since that time, the restaurant has sponsored local groups like Vernon Little League. In fact, the restaurant gave the league "the entire old bar top cut into 8 foot sections, 8 table tops, a table and 4 bar stools to renovate their announcers box, snack bars and club room", said Mahaney.

Mayor Apel also expressed that 99's noteworthy fundraising campaigns "would be hard for any organization to top." "The Vernon restaurant alone beat previous years' totals for the Jimmy Fund/Dana Farber Institute, raising \$9,347 in only 6 weeks", said Apel. The restaurant also holds numerous "Dining For A Cause" fund-raising events to benefit charity organizations and annual fundraisers to benefit the Hartford area Boys and Girls Club.

On a regional level, the restaurant also offers a promotion that entitles kids to eat free the next day after a Red Sox win. The Vernon 99 Restaurant is located at 295 Hartford Turnpike. For more information visit www.99restaurants.com.

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