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The Thomas & Mack Center donates more than \$16,000 to The Public Education Foundation

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Feb. 1, 2008) – The Thomas & Mack Center and UNLVtickets donated \$16,223 to The Public Education Foundation representing fifty cents of every ticket sold to the “Walking with Dinosaurs – The Live Experience” show presented at the Thomas & Mack Center, Jan. 9-13, 2008.

This first-ever partnership between the Foundation and the Thomas & Mack Center also included an essay contest for elementary and middle school students, tickets and bus transportation for 1,000 at-risk students and their teachers to attend a performance, and distribution of a Walking with Dinosaurs study guide to teachers.

“The unique educational value of this show provided a great opportunity for students to learn in a fun and entertaining environment,” said Judi Steele, president of The Public Education Foundation. “We are very appreciative to the Thomas & Mack Center for giving us the opportunity to provide a very special experience to children and their families in Clark County.”

“We believed from the day we booked Walking With Dinosaurs, that partnering with The Public Education Foundation made perfect sense,” said Daren Libonati, executive director of the Thomas & Mack Center, Sam Boyd Stadium and Cox Pavilion. “We are excited that our donation will help create opportunities for the Foundation to empower the children and science departments within the Clark County School District.”

Additional sponsors of the matinee performance for at-risk students and their teachers included the Williams Foundation, Sunbelt Communications Co., Silver Nugget Gaming, IGT, Southwest Gas Corporation Foundation, The Microsoft Corporation, and Maureen Eagan.

About The Public Education Foundation

The Public Education Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to effectively and efficiently delivering public-private resources to meet the challenges of educating a growing and diverse Southern Nevada population. The Foundation’s programs and initiatives empower teachers and students, reduce bureaucracy, ensure accountability, leverage resources, and deliver results. Since 1991, The Foundation has raised more than \$50 million to improve teaching and learning in Southern Nevada’s public schools.