

Compadres raised a big \$1.2 million at big event

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The Chandler Compadres' signature annual fundraising event raised \$1.2 million for East Valley nonprofits.

The Compadres, a group of business leaders who donate their time, resources,



The Chandler Compadres' signature fundraiser, Rock the Cause for Kids, raised \$1.2 million for charities that help children and teens. (facebook)

talents and money to help kids in the East Valley, holds its Rock the Cause for Kids event in November.

The event, hosted at Rawhide Western Town and Event Center, featured a performance by Rev Run of the iconic hip hop group Run-DMC and DJ Ruckus, hailed by GQ as "the most sought-after DJ in the world."

Guests participated in an iconic hero

and villains costume contest plus silent and live auctions that included a luxury, in-ground swimming pool from Presidential Pools. The night culminated with a raffle for a 2019 Chevy Tahoe provided by Freeway Chevrolet.

Other notable sponsors for the event included Earnhardt Auto Centers, Rite-Way Thermal, Precision Installation, the Bourdo Family, USA BMX, APEX Temp Air, Marx Productions Inc. and Hawkeye Electric.

"Raising this record amount makes us extremely proud because it means we can help so many kiddos and their families," said Scott Bourdo, event chair. "Seeing the community come out every year to support our cause is inspiring and heartwarming."

The funds will go to Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley, ICAN Positive Programs for Youth, AzCend, FANS Across America, Arizona Brainfood, Chandler CARE Center and The Clothes Cabin.

The group has donated more than \$10.3 million to Valley charities, particularly those benefiting youth academic and development programs.

Donations to the Compadres can qualify for a dollar-for-dollar state income tax credit of \$400 for individuals and \$800 for couples. **Information: chandlercompadres.org.**