SWOPE MIDDLE SCHOOL & LOCAL CHARITY RECEIVE $934 FROM AIRPORT

(Reno, NV) – The Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority presented its Partner in Education, Swope Middle School, with a check for $934.44 at today’s Board of Trustees meeting.

Swope’s Culinary Arts Class created a number of gingerbread homes for the enjoyment of airport passengers. The airport’s food vendor, SSP America, graciously displayed these over the holiday season in the food court.

Proceeds were the result of generous donations from airport passengers who voted on the best gingerbread house made by the talented students of Swope Middle School.

In the true spirit of giving, Swope Middle School has chosen to “pay it forward” and share seventy percent of their check with their selected charity, Animal Ark. Animal Ark is a non-profit wildlife sanctuary and nature center northwest of Reno, where the public has a unique opportunity to view animals in their natural habitat and where many local school children visit each year.

Swope Principal George Brown, Culinary Arts Teacher, Tracy Shannon and the students of the winning gingerbread house, were on hand to accept the donation, along with Executive Director and Co-Founder of Animal Arc, Aaron Hiibel.

“It is wonderful for the Airport Authority to be able to continue to partner with Swope Middle School,” said Krys T. Bart, CEO of the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority. “These students are our future and helping them grow and find ways to give back to our community couldn’t be more important.”

The Reno-Tahoe International Airport has been a proud Partner in Education with Swope Middle School since 1993 and works year-round to develop award-winning programs that are both educational and fun.

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The Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority receives no state or local funding. All operating revenues are derived from tenant and concession fees.