

Businesses give back to charities, causes

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The owners of the Demshar's restaurant in Spanish Springs started its own foundation, the Demshar Foundation, last fall to give back to local charities.

"I've always done fundraisers and given back," said co-owner Dennis Demshar. "That's what I want to do. It's in my blood. I want to help."

The goal is to raise \$75,000 to \$100,000 annually to donate to organizations such as House of Hope and Hands of Mercy Everywhere. Demshar plans to raise money through events at the restaurant, such as a pancake breakfast, bowling tournament, fashion show, afternoon tea and dinner and gala.

The first fundraiser to support the new foundation will be a pancake breakfast scheduled for April.

"I raise a lot of money and I enjoy it probably more than making money," Dennis said. "I enjoy giving that money away."