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### **Martha's Village and Kitchen wins \$20,000 "Best Pitch" Award at RAP Foundation's Fast Pitch Competition Amongst Local Nonprofits**

Indio, California--- Martha's Village and Kitchen's Executive Vice President, Stephanie Minor, was awarded the "Best Pitch" \$20,000 prize on Tuesday afternoon from the Regional Access Project (RAP) Foundation at their Desert Fast Pitch Finals, a nonprofit competition held at the UCR Palm Desert Campus.

The RAP Foundation's Desert Fast Pitch is a competitive, five month training and coaching program that helps nonprofit staff succinctly and powerfully "tell their story". The program helps participants to develop key skills, foster new relationships, gain exposure, and increase their organizations' ability to attract new resources over time. After weeks of classes, trainings and a preliminary competition, selected finalists presented a 3 minute pitch about their non-profit organization to a panel of judges and audience on Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

Martha's Village and Kitchen's President and CEO, Linda Barrack, has worked in the nonprofit industry and closely with the RAP Foundation for several years and was in attendance at the finals event. "The Desert Fast Pitch competition brings some of the best local nonprofits from throughout the Coachella Valley to join together, learn from one another, and build more resources to serve our local community."

Ms. Barrack goes on to say, "We are so thrilled to celebrate Stephanie and all of her accomplishments through this process. What a great event and honor for our organization."

Stephanie Minor, Executive Vice President of Martha's Village and Kitchen and the 2018 Desert Fast Pitch winner says this about the RAP Foundation and last night's event, "I want to thank all of the nonprofit organizations that have gone through this process with me. We have built friendships and bonds that will only continue to grow and help our local community through support and collaborations."



She continued, “I am still in shock that Martha’s Village & Kitchen was chosen as the Best Pitch. I am thrilled to share this exciting win and extremely generous donation of \$20,000 with our organization. There are still so many men, women and children who need our help and this donation will help us help even more of our local neighbors in need.”

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### **About Martha’s Village and Kitchen**

Martha’s Village and Kitchen is one of the largest providers of homeless services in the Coachella Valley and Riverside County. The founders began serving meals to their homeless neighbors in 1990. Martha’s Village and Kitchen offers programs based on the nationally recognized “continuum of care model”. Their programs include Emergency Housing, Food Services, Children’s Services, Career and Education, Case Management and Emergency Assistance. The organization prides itself on serving their neighbors by responding to their needs with food, clothing, shelter and an opportunity to become self-sufficient by affirming their dignity with respect, support and compassion.

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