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Southern Arizona to "Dine Out for Safety" on April 15 to Support Sexual Assault Survivors

TUCSON, AZ (April 1, 2026) — On **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**, Southern Arizona residents can turn a simple meal into a lifeline for survivors of sexual violence. The annual Dine Out for Safety event returns, uniting local restaurants and community members to raise critical funds for the Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault (SACASA).

During the one-day event, participating local restaurants will donate a portion of their sales throughout the day directly to SACASA. These funds ensure that survivors have 24/7 access to free, professional, and trauma-informed care, including crisis intervention, and specialized therapy. With recent reductions in federal and state grants, community support is more vital than ever to maintain SACASA's 24/7 crisis response.

In the face of significant changes and cuts to traditional funding, community-driven events like 'Dine Out for Safety' are no longer just a bonus - they are a lifeline," says **Katlyn Monje, SACASA Director**. "These contributions help fill the gap to ensure that when a survivor calls our 24-hour hotline, presents to a hospital, or needs counseling services, we are there. We are asking Southern Arizona to Dine Out at one of 22 locally owned participating restaurants so we can continue providing these essential healing services at no cost."

Event Highlights:

Dine to Donate: Choose from 22 participating local restaurants throughout the day on Wednesday, April 15th.

Impact: A portion of proceeds from your purchase goes directly to SACASA to support no-cost healing and support services for survivors of sexual violence.

Raffle Prizes: Community members can also purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win local experiences, goods and restaurant gift cards.

Supporters who cannot dine out on April 15 can still contribute by donating directly online, purchasing raffle tickets online or signing up to volunteer for the event.

For a full list of participating restaurants, to buy raffle tickets online, or to learn more about how to get involved, visit www.DineOutForSafety.org.

Special thanks to Dine Out for Safety's Platinum Sponsors: KGUN 9, Arizona 58, 93.7 KRQ, Hot 98.3, Fox Sports 1450, KNST AM 790, 92.9 The Bull, Mega 97.1, Radio Tejano 1600, Bustos Media LLC, The Drive Tucson, 106.3 The Groove, 1030 The Voice, 92.5 Urbana and La Poderosa 105.3.

Participating Restaurants:

- Amore – Dove Mountain
- Batey Puerto Rican Gastronomy
- Brother John's Beer, Bourbon & BBQ
- Bumsted's
- Café 54
- Charro Chico
- Charro Steak – North
- Charro Steak & Del Rey
- El Charro Café – all locations
- Feast
- Gourmet Girls Gluten Free Bakery/Bistro
- JoJo's Restaurant
- Mama Louisa's Italian Restaurant
- Midtown Vegan Deli & Market
- Reilly Craft Pizza & Drink
- The Monica
- Wings & Rice
- Yellowbrick Coffee – both locations
- Zemam's Ethiopian Cuisine

For more information about the event visit www.DineOutForSafety.org.

About Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault

SACASA's mission is to support and empower individuals, families and communities impacted by sexual trauma through advocacy, medical forensic evaluation, and recovery services while promoting awareness and prevention of sexual violence. SACASA offers a full range of services to victims of sexual assault throughout Southern Arizona. SACASA's free bilingual/bi-cultural services include: a 24-hour crisis hotline and hospital response, mental health services, community education and outreach, and systems advocacy. SACASA became a program CODAC Health, Recovery & Wellness, a local 501(c)(3) organization. For more information, visit www.sacasa.org.

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