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EyeBlink's Pizza party

- by Pizza Guy

Nonprofit multicultural arts company, eyeBLINK, (www.eyeblink.org) is throwing parties of hope and smiles in 25 states. eyeBLINK is donating 2,500 pizzas to homeless shelters across America during these parties, every day for a week. Every penny has been raised by private donations.

Musicians provide live music while the pizza is served in the shelters. This creates a fun time and generates joy for those in need.

“In tough times, you need hope. You need a moment when you can forget your cares. So we do that. We donate food, we provide music, people are happy and clapping and dancing,” said Obaid Kadwani, the creator of the project. “We buy discounted pizzas from Dominos. For just \$1 donation, a person is essentially buying 2 slices for a shelter guest. Beyond that, our donors become part of making a direct difference for a person in their community. They’re making a happy memory for them.”

eyeBLINK believes in both, feed the body and feed the soul. The live musicians create an essential ambiance for the pizza party. The musicians range from drummers, to guitarist, to jazz musicians, to 5-piece bands to DJs.

The project, in just its 3rd year, has grown from just 1 city to 25 states plus Washington DC.

Obaid Kadwani is a tv-personality known for hosting tv-shows about Bollywood, with a weekly viewership of a million South-Asian Americans. His drive, passion and determination to pursue this volunteer project has been a key to its growth.

Multiple parties are happening every day from June 15th to June 20th:

Monday, June 15th : NY, OH, PA, ME, NJ, TN, CO, CT

Tuesday, June 16th: NJ, NY, OK, Washington DC

Wednesday, June 17th: NY, NJ, GA, AZ

Thursday, June 18th

Lunch: St. Johns' Bread and Life, Brooklyn, NY

Dinner: Market Street Mission, Morristown, NJ

Dinner: NYC Rescue, Manhattan, NY

Dinner: New Orleans Rescue Mission, New Orleans, LA

Dinner: Seattle Union Gospel Mission, Seattle, WA

Dinner: Salvation Army at St. Vincent Depaul Dining

Hall, Salt Lake City, UT

Friday, June 19th

Lunch: Room In the Inn, Nashville, TN

Lunch: Haven of Grace, St Louis, MO

Lunch: Evas Village: Patterson, NJ

Dinner: Orlando Union Rescue Mission, Orlando, FL

Dinner: Oasis, Highland Park, MI

Dinner: Las Vegas Rescue Mission, Las Vegas, NV

Dinner: Bea Gaddy Women & Children's Shelter: Baltimore, MD

Dinner: Mary's Place, Minneapolis, MN

Dinner: Portland Rescue Mission, OR

Dinner: Star of Hope Women and Family Emergency Shelter: Houston, TX

Dinner: Women in Need, Manhattan, NY

Saturday, June 20th

Lunch: PATH, Los Angeles, CA

Lunch: Door of Hope Rescue Mission, Chicago, IL

The "Big Boston Blowout Closeout" Parties: Sat, June 20th

Lunch: Boston Rescue Mission, Boston, MA

Lunch: Rosie's Place, Boston, MA

Lunch: Pine St. Inn, Boston, MA

Lunch: St. Francis House, Boston MA

“The shelters’ guests know that we’re doing these parties just for them,” said Qurrat Kadwani. “It’s not part of another holiday like Thanksgiving or Christmas. This entire week of parties is dedicated just to caring about them. The feeling in these shelters is incredible.”

“Everyone can make a difference by donating for this project,” said Doctor Avraham Henoch, whose offices are sponsoring pizzas in 3 shelters. “This creates a feeling of community on a national level by helping hungry people in your own neighborhood.”

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