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Heart of Vail: Jami Salyers Recognized for Supporting Vail Students, Schools, Community

TUCSON, AZ – Jami Salyers, Vice President of Operations for Irish Beef LLC, which owns and operates 11 Arby's restaurants across Southern Arizona, has been named a **"Heart of Vail" Award** recipient by the **Vail School District Foundation (VSDF)**. The award honors an individual or business that embodies the spirit, generosity, and neighbor-first values at the core of the Vail community.

Salyers was recognized for her long-standing commitment to supporting Vail students and strengthening local schools through fundraising and community partnerships.

"Jami believes deeply that giving back to her community is simply the right thing to do," said John Carruth, Superintendent of Vail Schools. "She has helped raise nearly \$1 million for local schools and charities. Her generosity has made a meaningful difference not only for those who receive support, but also for those who experience the joy and power of giving," said John Carruth, Superintendent of the Vail School District.

The Vail School District serves 23 schools and more than 15,000 students in grades K–12.

For Salyers, the recognition reflects what motivates her most: creating real, measurable impact close to home.

"At the end of the day, I want to know that I am making an impact. Receiving an award such as this shows me that my efforts are doing just that!" Salyers said.

While Salyers works to support communities around every Arby's location in Southern Arizona, she notes that Vail holds special meaning.

"I advocate for all local communities, but Vail is unique. I'm a Vail resident and have witnessed how special this community is," Salyers said. "While it is a larger community, it has a small-town feel where neighbors help neighbors."

The Vail School District Foundation's mission is to provide positive experiences for Vail students by funding capital items, programs, field trips, and other needs that help students learn and grow. The

Foundation also works to build connections between local businesses, the community, and the Vail School District, and relies on fundraising and donations to make these opportunities possible.

About Irish Beef LLC

Irish Beef is a franchisee of Arby's, focused on developing and operating restaurants in Southern Arizona. Arby's iconic brand is known for its unique quality of food, the restaurant environment, and its commitment to serving people. As part of their "Arby's Cares" program, the franchisee is devoted to supporting local communities through donations to various cause-related organizations. Since 2016, Arby's Cares has raised more than \$1 million for local organizations serving those in need in our community. Website: irishbeefrestaurants.com

About the Vail School District Foundation

The Vail School District Foundation supports students across the Vail School District by funding programs and experiences that enrich learning and help students thrive, while strengthening connections among schools, businesses, and the community. Website: vsdfoundation.org