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Professional Poker Player Jennifer Harman to Host Charity Poker Tournament and Merchant Faire at Grand Sierra Resort Reno, Nevada residents and poker players invited to participate in fundraiser co-sponsored by Curtis & Co. Watches benefiting The National Kidney Foundation.

Reno, NV (February 10, 2009) -- Professional poker player Jennifer Harman will host her first Charity Poker Tournament (CPT) and Merchant Faire starting at noon on Wednesday, March 11, at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino (GSR). The Jennifer Harman CPT is sponsored by GSR and Curtis & Co. Watches. All proceeds will benefit the NKF of Northern California and Northern Nevada.

Returning to her hometown of Reno, Nevada, Harman will be joined by professional poker player friends Howard Lederer, Roy Winston, Lee Watkinson, Brad Booth, Andy Bloch, and celebrity emcee Matt Savage.

The \$200 + \$30 no-limit hold'em poker tournament is open to the public and seating is limited. Players may receive unlimited \$50 re-buys during the first three 20-minute levels and a one-time add-on for twice the starting chip stack. The winner will receive a \$5,000 World Poker Challenge (WPC) Championship entry. Second and third place finishers will each receive \$3,000 WPC entries. Curtis & Co. will award valuable sports watches to all three top finishers. Sponsored final table prizes total more than \$30,000.

Fundraising activities will include a Ladies International Poker Series (LIPS) Vendor Faire featuring more than a dozen local and gaming industry vendors, a CardPlayer.tv celebrity red carpet walk, and a silent auction.

Players may register for the Jennifer Harman Charity Poker Tournament by visiting www.kidneyca.org, or contacting Abby Vlautin at (916) 922-6681 or abby@kidneyca.org. For more information visit www.kidneyca.org or www.greasiewheels.com. Jennifer Harman CPT "Throw Down" teams should contact Kelli Griggs at kelli@kelligriggs.com. To participate in the LIPS coordinated Vendor Faire contact Lupe Soto at lupe@lipstour.com.

The Jennifer Harman CPT and Vendor Faire is sponsored and supported by Grand Sierra Resort and Casino, Curtis & Co. Watches, LIPS, CardPlayer.tv, Savage Tournaments, Whole Foods, Life's A Bluff, 2-Step Images, Legacy Alliance, Cake Designs Las Vegas, PMS Poker Wear, and Hard Core Elegance. The event is a GreasieWheels production

About Jennifer Harman - Kidney disease has had a devastating effect on this world famous professional poker player and her family. Harman received her first of two kidney transplants during childhood. At 17, she lost her mother to the disease. In 2004 she underwent a second transplant made possible by her niece. Due to her own personal experience, Harman is a staunch supporter of The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) and feels compelled to raise money for the affected and their families needing assistance.

About the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) - The NKF is the major voluntary health organization dedicated to preventing kidney disease, improving the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases, and increasing the availability of all organs for transplantation. NKF Programs include detection and prevention programs for children and adults, education programs for patients and professionals, kids' summer camp, research fellowships, organ donor information and more. Over 75,000 people in Northern Nevada have some level of chronic kidney disease, while an additional 75,000 are at risk due to other factors.

The NKF achieves live-saving results today through the contributions of a generous public including participation in NKF signature initiatives such as the [Kidney Cars Vehicle Donation program](#), [Kidney Walks](#) and the [NKF Golf Classic](#). For more information please visit www.kidneyca.org

About Grand Sierra Resort and Casino - In the heart of Reno/Tahoe, America's Adventure Place, Grand Sierra Resort (GSR) is northern Nevada's most complete resort destination with nearly 2,000 guest rooms and suites. From the everyday business traveler's needs to the complete family vacation, the property offers a wide variety of accommodations and amenities, including 200,000 square feet of meeting and conventions space, branded retail shopping, headliner entertainment, a cinema, a 50-lane championship bowling center, outdoor thrill rides, aqua golf driving range, plus so much more. GSR is the largest casino north of Las Vegas with 24 hours of heart-pounding action. GSR is a proud member of Summit Hotels and Resorts, a prestigious brand of Preferred Hotel Group. For more information, please visit www.grandsierraresort.com. For reservations call 1(800) 648-5080.

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