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**GRAND CASINO MILLE LACS AND GRAND CASINO HINCKLEY JOIN
SHARE OUR STRENGTH'S GREAT AMERICAN DINE OUT®
SEPTEMBER 20-26**

ONAMIA, Minn. and HINCKLEY, Minn. – Grand Casino Mille Lacs and Grand Casino Hinckley will proudly participate in **Share Our Strength's Great American Dine Out®**, a week-long national restaurant event to help end hunger.

From September 20-26, thousands of restaurants, including the **Grand Buffets at Grand Casino Mille Lacs and Grand Casino Hinckley**, will join together to raise funds to help end childhood hunger in America. Proceeds from each buffet purchased that week will go to Share Our Strength.

“Childhood hunger is a serious issue, and we are honored to be part of this event,” said Deron Dunkley, commissioner of corporate affairs for the Corporate Commission of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. “We are pleased to provide financial support and create a memorable experience for our Guests.”

Each year, more than 12 million children in America (one of every six) worry about when their next meal will come. Share Our Strength is the leading organization working to end childhood hunger in America.

“We are asking millions of consumers and thousands of restaurants to help us fight childhood hunger,” said Bill Shore, founder of Share Our Strength. “We were heartened by the generosity and commitment of the restaurant industry and diners last year. Our hope is to continue this program every year until every child in America has access to nutritious food where they live, learn and play.”

The first **Great American Dine Out** in 2008 raised more than half a million dollars. Four thousand restaurants participated, from independent and family-owned establishments to large chains and restaurant groups. Donations of restaurant sales for the week, direct donations from dining patrons and restaurant suppliers, plus money raised through promotions, helped to make the program a success.

The Great American Dine Out is sponsored by Sysco, S. Pellegrino Sparkling Natural Mineral Water, Ecolab, *the Food Network*, *USA Today*, and The National Restaurant Association.

About The Grand Buffet at Grand Casino Mille Lacs and Grand Casino Hinckley

The Grand Buffet serves brunch, lunch and dinner menus with a variety of options, seven days a week. From fresh-made comfort foods and Asian cuisine to a variety of fresh-roasted and hand-carved meats and everything in between, they've got something for everyone. Buffet items also include an extensive salad bar and a selection of tempting desserts – cakes, pies, tarts, sundaes, soft serve ice cream, and sugar-free treats. The popular Seafood Buffet is featured at Grand Casino Hinckley every Tuesday from 4 to 9 p.m. and at Grand Casino Mille Lacs every Friday from 4 to 10 p.m.

About Share our Strength

Share Our Strength[®] is the leading national organization working to make sure no kid in America grows up hungry. The organization weaves together a net of community groups, activists and food programs to catch children at risk of hunger and ensure they have nutritious food where they live, learn and play. They work with the culinary industry to create engaging, pioneering programs like Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation[®], the nation's premier culinary benefit; Share Our Strength's Great American Bake Sale[®], a national grassroots effort; Share Our Strength's A Tasteful Pursuit[®], a touring dinner series; Share Our Strength's Great American Dine Out[®], a week-long program involving thousands of restaurants nationwide; and Share Our Strength's Operation Frontline[®], a cooking-based nutrition education program. Visit Strength.org.

About Grand Casino Mille Lacs and Grand Casino Hinckley

Grand Casino Mille Lacs and Grand Casino Hinckley, which are owned by the Corporate Commission of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians, are two of Minnesota's premier entertainment facilities, offering gaming, accommodations, dining, conference and banquet facilities, live entertainment and The Grand Harmony Spa at Grand Casino Hinckley.

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