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Del Taco Supporters Raise \$35,606 for the National Ability Center*Eighth Annual Del Taco Fundraising Campaign Sets Record High*

PARK CITY, UTAH (Jan. 3, 2017) – For eight years running, Utah’s locally owned [Del Taco](#) restaurants and customers have supported the National Ability Center, a leading non-profit organization that provides world-class adaptive recreation and outdoor adventures for individuals and families of differing abilities, by electing to add a donation of any amount to orders from Nov. 1 to 21. This year’s total of \$35,606 set a record high bringing the year-over-year grand sum to almost a quarter of a million dollars. All proceeds are gifted directly to the National Ability Center and support its overall mission to empower participants by building self-esteem, confidence and lifetime skills through inclusive programming and activities.

“It is through local partnerships like this that we are able to expand our offerings and help more individuals and families of differing abilities, physical, cognitive and developmental including competitive athletes, youth, veterans and more,” said Gail Barille, CEO of the National Ability Center. “The generosity that Del Taco and their customers have demonstrated positively impacts the current 6,600 participants and 37,000 experiences our organization provides each year and we are incredibly grateful.”

The National Ability Center experienced 96 percent growth over the last five years, joined forces with Splore and recently embarked on a capital campaign to accommodate the ongoing need from its community and other like-minded organizations for adaptive and therapeutic recreation and outdoor adventures. Del Taco’s community and financial support will play an integral role in the organization’s expansion plan and continuation of providing superior education, inclusive programming and year-round activities for all such as alpine and nordic skiing, snowboarding, horseback riding, cycling, swimming, rafting, archery, among others.

“We want to thank our customers for showing up for us and for the National Ability Center,” Paul Hitzelberger, President and Owner of Del Taco. “Every year we look forward to this campaign and we are incredibly pleased with this year’s outcome. As a company that is passionate about providing the best quality and value to its patrons, we are pleased to work alongside an organization that emulates those same core values and is leading the charge in its industry not only locally but globally.”

On Friday, December 23, the Del Taco team presented the check to National Ability Center team members at the Del Taco Park City, Utah restaurant location. As dedicated partners, both organizations look forward to the 2018 fundraiser and developing additional community programs together in the near future. For more information on the National Ability Center, visit www.discovernac.org. For more information on Del Taco, visit www.deltaco.com.

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About National Ability Center

The [National Ability Center](http://www.discovernac.org) provides world-class adaptive recreation and outdoor adventures for individuals and families of differing abilities, physical, cognitive and developmental, including competitive athletes, youth, veterans and more. Rooted in Park City, UT for over 30 years, with additional facilities in Salt Lake City and Moab, the National Ability Center empowers participants by building self-esteem, confidence and lifetime skills through inclusive programming and activities such as alpine and nordic skiing, snowboarding, horseback riding, cycling, swimming, rafting, archery, among others. The National Ability Center is globally recognized as a chapter of Disabled Sports USA and is one of only 12 Gold U.S. Paralympic Sports Clubs. For more information, visit www.discovernac.org.

About Del Taco Restaurants, Inc.

[Del Taco](http://www.del-taco.com) (NASDAQ: TACO) offers a unique variety of both Mexican and American favorites such as burritos and fries, prepared fresh in every restaurant's working kitchen with the value and convenience of a drive-thru. Del Taco's menu items taste better because they are made with quality ingredients like fresh grilled chicken and carne asada steak, hand-sliced avocado, hand-grated cheddar cheese, slow-cooked beans made from scratch, and new creamy Queso Blanco.