

KPVI Channel 6 Pocatello, Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010 – Staff report

Gambling for a Good Cause

A local shopping center doubled as a gambling casino Saturday. It's not a sight you see everyday but people who stopped by the Cal Ranch Store in Pocatello were asked if they wanted to be "dealt in".

Poker was the game, raising money for the Idaho Food Bank was the aim. Thirteen different sportsmen groups set up tables to team up with the "Dump Hunger" drive. It's a push to help stock the local shelves with food for those in need.

One dollar goes a long way when it comes to buying and shipping local food to the state of Idaho. Just one-hundred pennies equals five pounds of food.

About \$1,350 was raised on Saturday, compared to \$2,700 last year.

Trent Metcalf, Western States Equipment: "We just appreciate the community helping out the food bank. It's been a great asset to the food bank. Pocatello is a great community when it comes to situations like this, they're always willing to step in and help out."

The Western States Equipment food drive runs through February 9th. There are several drop off spots.

They are located at Les Schwab tire stores and Idaho Central Credit Unions in Chubbuck, Pocatello and Blackfoot. Also, at the Common Cents gas station and the Dollar Tree in Chubbuck. Plus The Works sandwich shop and at Western States Equipment.