

## Writers waive tips for a night to help Doctors without Borders

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It was a winning recipe at Gourmet Cafe Italian Bistro in Parsippany and it had nothing to do with food. The ingredients involved were two caring teenagers, one philanthropic boss, and a generous amount of customers resulting in hundreds of dollars donated to Doctors without Borders which has been working with the people of earthquake ravished Haiti.



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**Montville High School seniors Jay Rubin, left, and Kevin Adelman, waiters at Gourmet Café in Parsippany, with Matt Pierone, right, owner of Gourmet Café which hosted a benefit for Doctors Without Borders.**

Jason Rubin and Kevin Adelman are friends, seniors at Montville Township High School, and employees of the Gourmet Cafe, where owner Matthew Pierone instituted "Make a Difference Mondays" nine months ago. On these days, the restaurant donates 10 percent of its sales to varying charities and organizations.

"It has been more work than I anticipated but very rewarding," said Pierone. "I have learned about many inspiring organizations that I did not even know about and it has been great."

Adelman's father is a doctor who works with nurses and doctors from Haiti and the teens wanted to help that country. They looked to "Make a Difference Monday" and added a new dimension: working for free that night.

The day's sales were \$1,338.01, rounding up the figure, Pierone donated \$150. The teens put in their tips, which added up to \$530 for a grand total of \$680 to the cause.

Pierone said, "Jason and Kevin are great examples of mature young men who are not only willing to work but more importantly willing to give to others. I am certainly proud of them and I know their parents are too!"

He added, "The boys felt great and proud ... and expressed an interest in doing it again, perhaps Breast Cancer Month in October and something in between."

In 2009, Gourmet Café donated a total of \$3,590. Donations so far this year amount to \$1,160.

Gourmet Café is located at 136 Baldwin Road.