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Walter White Headstone Final Resting Place

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – October, 21, 2013 – Vernon’s Steakhouse and organizers of the Walter White Funeral and Final Amends including Jackamoe Buzzell, oneheadlightink.com, Joliesse Chocolates, The Achievement Gallery, and the committed staff from Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless (AHCH), and Albuquerque Community Foundation would like to announce a change of location for the Walter White headstone and burial vault.

In response to the petition started by Manuel Montano and views shared by others with concerns over the fictitious grave and headstone at Sunset Memorial Park, it is been decided that a different location would be in the best interest all involved. Michael Baird, owner of Vernon’s Steakhouse states, “It was never our intention to disrespect those who are buried at Sunset Memorial Park or cause pain to their families. We created the Walter White Funeral and Final Amends as a way to have a positive impact on the community and help those who are negatively impacted by the terrible effects of drug addiction and homelessness. We greatly apologize to anyone who was offended, and want to ensure that the focus remains on the amazing work that Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless does in our community. I contacted Mr. Montano earlier today to thank him for expressing his concerns and to let him know of our intention to relocate the headstone and burial vault.”

The headstone was never set in the ground at Sunset Memorial Park, and its final resting place will now be at the Village Shops at Los Ranchos, the home of Vernon’s Steakhouse and Joliesse Chocolates. The organizers are working with Sunset Memorial Park to create a memorial on the Walter White burial plot for homeless people who have lost their lives.

The Walter White Funeral and Final Amends was a great success raising tens of thousands of dollars going to the **Vernon’s Steakhouse Walter White Endowment Fund at the Albuquerque Community Foundation benefitting AHCH**. The video of the Funeral and Final Amends will soon be available for viewing through a link on the Walter White Funeral website www.walterwhitefuneral.org.

Fans of the show can still purchase bracelets, put their name on the tombstone, or make donations online. By doing so one is contributing to the awareness and prevention of the hardships afflicting so many in our City and assisting in the effort to help end it while ensuring a piece of the tumultuous, yet valuable legacy that Walter White leaves behind. Their purchase or donation will help raise much needed funds to secure substance abuse services to people in Albuquerque who need it most.

Here are the ways the public can contribute:

- **Walter White Bracelets**: \$10.00 plus S & H Custom baby blue silicone bracelet imprinted with Walter White's name.
- **Name on Walter White Tombstone**: \$2,000 Your name, or business name on the Walter White tombstone. Includes two custom baby blue silicone bracelets imprinted with Walter White's name.
- **The Achievement Gallery** will be donating 30% of all t-shirts sales (\$20). The link will be added to www.walterwhitefuneral.com.
- **La Joliesse Chocolates** will be donating 15% of sales of their custom headstone chocolate bar.
- Fans can also bid on a painting by Vernon's resident artist **Gabriel Ballantine**, which depicts the various faces of Walter White. **The painting** is being shown at Vernon's Steakhouse. Starting bids will begin at \$5,000.
- The owner of the two Yukons, riddled with bullet holes, used in the filming of Breaking Bad and that drove in the Funeral procession has also committed to donating half of the sale price to the cause. Contact **Bill Stevens** at Bill Steven's Auto Sales located at 4227 4th St. NW, 505.344.0447.

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Vernon's Hidden Valley Steakhouse has received numerous accolades from Albuquerque the Magazine, Weekly Alibi, Local IQ including "Best Steakhouse in Albuquerque," "Best of Burque" and Opentable.com, as "Best Overall Restaurant," and "Most Romantic." www.thehiddensteakhouse.com.

Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless (AHCH) Founded in 1985, AHCH provides a continuum of integrated services including primary medical care, dental care, behavioral health, substance abuse, art therapy and social services. AHCH serves more than 7,000 men, women and children throughout the year. AHCH conducts more than 70 hours per week of outreach and provide services at their clinic at 1st Street and Mountain and at other sites in the community. www.abqhch.org.

Albuquerque Community Foundation administers a permanent community endowment consisting of thousands of gifts received since 1981. Endowment funds are pooled and invested. Over time, earnings are used to make grants to nonprofit organizations addressing community needs. For more information about the Foundation, visit albuquerquefoundation.org or call [505-883-6240](tel:505-883-6240).

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