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**Ladies Get Literary at The Melting Pot  
to Benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**  
*Tulsa and OKC events raise money for pediatric cancer research*

*Tulsa, Okla.* – The Melting Pot restaurants of Oklahoma invite women to “Melt into a Good Book” the week of Jan. 24 for [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#), the nation's leading pediatric cancer research and treatment center.

The state's two Melting Pot franchise locations in Tulsa and Oklahoma City each will host an event called “Melt into a Good Book,” featuring a four-course fondue dinner and books, music and stationery from [Barnes & Noble](#). The Tulsa restaurant, located at RiverWalk Crossing in Jenks, Okla., will host its fundraiser from 5 to 10 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 24. The Oklahoma City location at 4 E. Sheridan Ave. in Bricktown will host its event the following evening, Tuesday, Jan. 25, from 4 to 10 p.m.

Event tickets are \$50 per person, with \$25 per ticket donated to St. Jude. Reservations can be made at (918) 299-8000 (Tulsa) or (405) 235-1000 (Oklahoma City).

Local patient families of the hospital will attend each event, sharing personal stories and gratitude for St. Jude and its many supporters. Barnes & Noble representatives also will be on hand to show the bookstore's new e-reader, the Nook. A portion of the evenings' sales will benefit St. Jude.

New this year, a book drive for St. Jude patients will give guests the opportunity to directly encourage a child with cancer. In exchange, they will have a chance to win prizes from Barnes & Noble, The Melting Pot and other local vendors. Guests can bring and donate new

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children's and young adult books in exchange for one raffle ticket per book with a five ticket maximum. Raffle tickets also will be sold – one for \$5, three for \$10, and five for \$20 – with all proceeds going to St. Jude.

“Last year's St. Jude benefits were high-tech with electronic items from Best Buy, so we wanted this year's events to go back to the basics with an emphasis on the written word,” explained Becky Chapman, owner and operator of both Melting Pot restaurants. “Finishing a great book or receiving a hand-written card both give you a special feeling, and donating to a worthy cause like St. Jude does your heart good in much the same way.”

St. Jude is the only pediatric cancer research and treatment center that covers all of the costs for medicine, treatment, food, travel and lodging for the patient and one family member. Eighty-five cents of each dollar received supports research and treatment at St. Jude.

Since becoming a national partner in 2003, The Melting Pot Restaurants have raised more than \$5 million for St. Jude. The Melting Pot restaurants of Oklahoma have provided fundraising support to St. Jude since 2005 through annual St. Jude benefits, the St. Jude [\*Thanks and Giving Campaign\*](#) and the ongoing sale of *Fondue a Cure for Childhood Cancer* signature chocolate fondue bars. The restaurants in 2009 donated nearly \$20,000 to St. Jude as a result of these efforts.

Visit [www.meltingpot.com](http://www.meltingpot.com) for more information about the Tulsa and Oklahoma City restaurants.

***About The Melting Pot Restaurants Inc.:***

With 143 restaurants in North America, existing locations in 36 states and Canada and over 20 locations currently in development, The Melting Pot Restaurants is the premier fondue restaurant franchise. At The Melting Pot, fondue becomes a memorable four-course dining experience where patrons can dip into something different. Guests enjoy a choice of fondue cooking styles and a variety of unique entrées combined with dipping sauces. The menu also includes cheese fondues, salads, fine wines and chocolate fondue desserts. Founded in 1975, The Melting Pot's corporate headquarters are in Tampa, Fla. For more information, visit <http://www.meltingpot.com> or email [info@meltingpot.com](mailto:info@meltingpot.com).