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Nonprofit Topsy Taxi fundraiser event next week

Staff report

Rickhouse Social in Aspen will host a fundraising event March 23 for Topsy Taxi, an Aspen nonprofit program that aims to take drunken drivers off of the road.

Topsy Taxi was created in 1983 by Pitkin County Deputy Ellen Anderson after she witnessed a fatal drunken-driving accident where the roundabout is now located.

Administered through the Pitkin County Sheriff's Office with assistance from Aspen and Snowmass police departments and the local restaurant association, Topsy Taxi provides free rides to those who have consumed too much alcohol to drive.

Doors open at Rickhouse Social at 7 p.m. and a \$20 donation is suggested for attendees. All proceeds will be donated to Topsy Taxi. Light bites from the Aspen Kitchen bar menu will be served along with signature cocktails the French 75 and Obi-Wan Old Fashioned, of which a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Topsy Taxi.

Two hundred Topsy Taxi posters by artist Gaard Moses will be for sale at the event for \$10.

In addition to the Save Topsy Taxi event, in April a portion of the proceeds from Aspen Kitchen's "Sweet Support" dessert program will go to Topsy Taxi.