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WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?



COMMUNITY CONNECTOR

The Community Foundation of Western Nevada is a public 501 (c) 3 nonprofit. It is a collection of charitable funds created by people like you who want to improve the quality of life in Nevada. The funds are invested and used to provide scholarships and grants in and beyond our region. There are more than 700 community foundations in the United States.

REGION'S CHARITABLE GIVING EXPERT

Donors to the Foundation are offered an array of personalized philanthropic services to help them make the most of their generosity. With guidance from the program staff, fundholders are encouraged to explore their own charitable interests and learn more about community opportunities for powerful impact. Family donor advised funds and designated endowments make up most of the 220 funds at the Community Foundation of Western Nevada. These endowments are designated for a range of needs. Corporations are brought together by the Community Foundation in a coalition called the Corporate Partnership to work on community problems and improve their philanthropy.



LEGACY BUILDER

Charitable bequests will ultimately grow to become an unending major charitable resource for our community. Community Foundation expert staff work with professional advisors to promote charitable bequests and to help donors receive the best tax advantages from their estate gifts. In addition we manage bequests and make sure that the donor's wishes are followed exactly as they intended, forever.

COMMUNITY LEADER - CATALYST FOR CHANGE

The Community Foundation plays a pivotal role in identifying and solving community problems. As a neutral leader in the nonprofit sector, the Community Foundation brings together diverse organizations to work on tough issues. Through our initiatives, residents are valued and included as decision makers, as community engagement is the key goal of all of our work.

A RECORD OF IMPACT

Since its inception in 1998, the Community Foundation of Western Nevada has distributed over \$90 million in grants and scholarships from more than 220 charitable funds that strengthen our region and stretch as far as our donors' imaginations.



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YOUTH NETWORK INITIATIVE (YOU’N-I)



A COMMUNITY INITIATIVE ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF YOUTH WHO ARE HOMELESS, RUNAWAYS, OR AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE

Launched in 2014, You’N-I is a process of convening a wide-range of caring people to have a conversation about existing services for struggling youth, their needs, and ways we can have better outcomes.

A Collaborative Process

As a neutral leader in the nonprofit sector, the Foundation brings together diverse organizations to work on tough issues. You’N-I began with two public convenings, engaging leaders in non-profit organizations, the school district, government agencies, and most importantly, youth themselves to get a full understanding of the issues affecting struggling youth.

Leveraging Partnerships, Resources, and Awareness

We discovered that not only is it difficult to find resources for struggling youth, but that they also need a central location to receive support. Additionally, youth let us know they would value having a mentor in their life. The Community Foundation worked with community members to developed these solutions:

RENO YOUTH NETWORK

An online resource guide, www.renoyouthnetwork.com was launched in September 2014 to help youth easily find service providers and resources. The website allows users to narrow their search according to their age, gender, and specific needs so they only find relevant information.

YOUTH RESOURCE CENTER

The YOUth Resource Center (the YOU) is a walk-in center in downtown Reno for homeless, runaway, foster and other at-risk youth between the ages of 12 and 21. Open Monday - Friday from 10 - 5, youth visitors can access “care and comfort services” including showers, laundry vouchers, snacks, clothing, free wi-fi, cell phone charging, a tech lab and the Chill Zone — a safe space to spend time off the streets.

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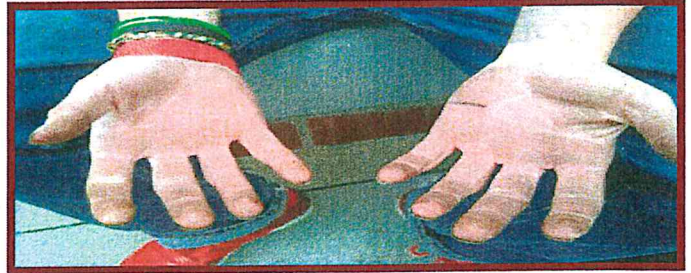


Thank You

On behalf of the Community Foundation of Western Nevada, we would like to thank you for your support of our Youth Network Initiative (You’N-I). You’N-I was our first community initiative and we could not have picked a more pressing need in our community. This initiative has brought new attention and community collaboration around youth homelessness at a level our community had never seen before. As you read this handout you will see the successes that have emerged from You’N-I. As a neutral convener, we have brought a variety of community organizations together and have engaged over 500 individuals in this process. Most importantly, the successes you will read were driven by needs youth themselves actually identified. Thank you again for your support of You’N-I.

Sincerely,

Camille Glanzmann & Nick Tscheekar, Initiatives Staff



“The initiative has significantly increased the coordination of services to those youth.”

-Community Foundation Board Member

Giving Youth a Voice

At our first public convening, one youth participant explained they could not get anything to eat from several food pantries, because you needed to present an ID. The young woman speaking was robbed after getting kicked out of her parent’s house and lost her ID. However, as a result of hearing this story, the food pantries immediately changed their policies so no ID was required. This is just one example we have seen in You’N-I in which youth participation has produced positive change. Youth have continuously played an active role in You’N-I and have challenged service providers in a constructive manner. **169 youth** have participated in our public convenings, youth panel, and/or steering committee meetings.

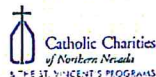


At the community-wide convenings, youth were given the opportunity to share their stories.

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CAREGIVER SUPPORT INITIATIVE



A COMMUNITY INITIATIVE ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF UNPAID FAMILY CAREGIVERS TO SENIORS.

Launched in 2016, The Caregiver Support Initiative is a process of convening a wide-range of caring people to have a conversation about existing challenges facing family caregivers and ways we can create an age-friendly community .

A Collaborative Process

As a neutral leader in the nonprofit sector, the Community Foundation brings together diverse people and organizations to work on tough issues. The Caregiver Support Initiative began by interviewing 5 caregivers and expanded to public convenings, engaging leaders in non-profit organizations, health services, public officials, and most importantly, caregivers and former caregivers to get a full understanding of the issues affecting a large segment of our population.

When we come together to listen to and learn from each other, we have the power to impact both caregivers and our community.

What we are learning: biggest challenges facing caregivers:

Lack of Centralized Resources

Legal Assistance

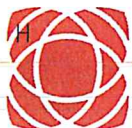
Available Facilitated Support (counseling or support groups)

Medical Education (information on diseases, prescription management, etc.)

Access to Respite Care

Transportation for elderly or infirm citizens that is affordable and accessible.

Needed Caregiver Training



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Action Items

Through our public convenings we gained valuable insight from those caring for their family members. Based on our convening evaluations, the two most pressing issues were the need to consolidate community resources and the importance of action and follow through. Our initiatives process is based on action. Here are the tactics the Community Foundation is taking to consolidate caregiver resources:

Create A Comprehensive Resource Database

In partnership with the Sanford Center for Aging and the University of Nevada School of Medicine, the Community Foundation is creating a comprehensive database of resources for caregivers to seniors within Washoe County. The resource database will be accessible online and in print. Users will be able to search for specific terms based on their situation so they only receive information that is relevant to them. Each listed provider will be contacted twice annually to verify their posting is up to date. Free printed versions of the resource list will be made twice annually and the website will also have printer friendly pages so users can easily print pages specific to their need.

After the website and printed guides are complete, extensive community outreach will be continuously implemented through advertising and in-person training to ensure family caregivers, service providers, and anyone who may need to make a referral (e.g. paramedics, librarians, discharge planners, medical social workers, and others) know how to navigate the resource guide

Develop A Caregiver Guidebook

The Community Foundation is developing a caregiver guidebook to give to new caregivers. Discharge planners can give the guidebook to caregivers at the time their family member is released from the hospital or a medical facility. The guidebook will cover the caregiver experience and contain information on numerous caregiving topics including answers to frequently asked questions, instruction on prescription management, details on hospice, and other issues. In addition to hospitals and medical facilities, the guidebook will be available at non-profit organizations, service provider offices, community centers, and other locations.

Caregiver Listserv

A Listserv will be created for caregivers to share their experiences and advice on caregiving through email. Any person in our community will be able to sign up for the Listserv. They will then be able to submit a specific question about caregiving (e.g. My mom is 81 and is having trouble getting in and out of the bath. Do you have any suggestions of how to help?). Any person who is part of the Listserv is then able to respond directly to the person who asked the question. The Community Foundation will be screening the questions and responses to ensure that they are relevant to senior caregiving.