

### *Program Accomplishments in 2014*

We celebrated our 24<sup>th</sup> year of building community at home and abroad with the opening of the Community Center. Now that the first phase of the building has been completed, we have started fundraising to build Phase Two. The center houses a health clinic, the before and after-school programs for 60+ youth, the Comstock Youth Works schools for at-risk youth, the library, and many community groups who utilize the building for exercise, etc.

We successfully expanded the Comstock Youth Works summer youth employment and year-round education support program with 50 students in Storey and Lyon Counties and the Comstock Out-of-School Youth program with 10 students (the program serves students who have dropped out of school).

We partnered with the District Attorney's Office to improve victim services (they are now co-located at CCI) and successfully completed the Domestic Violence Audit with the Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney, and the Justice of the Peace.

We completed a comprehensive summer program for 60+ youth ages 5-12 that included recreation, social skills building, and substance abuse prevention.

We partnered with Lyon County School District's Striving Readers Program to expand the COW Bus program by two buses and one more teacher. The 4 buses serve 6 sites in Storey and Lyon Counties. The COW Buses are mobile classrooms that come to each community on a weekly basis and serve a total of 140 students. We also started the program in Tonopah and soon will have a fifth bus there.

We led two community-based initiatives to end poverty and hunger/homelessness in Nye County.

We promoted economic development with the monthly VC Business Tips newsletter—and four computers, a printer, and Xerox machine that are available to all community members free of charge.

We served 20 individuals per week in our Food Closet, will serve over 30 families during Christmas and served 30 during families during Thanksgiving, and provided free nutritious snacks to 60+ K-6 youth per month in the elementary program.

We provided counseling services to approximately 70 clients over the past year in many areas: personal, family, drug and alcohol prevention, domestic violence, and youth development. We expanded the counseling/domestic violence program to Silver Springs and Fernley.

We re-opened the Storey County Public Library. Fifteen volunteer librarians thinned the collection and about one-third of it was returned to the high school (its former location). It is currently operating in Virginia City, Mark Twain, and Lockwood.

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We led a Global Voice service-learning trip to Ireland in late December 2013/early January 2014. Thirteen young people participated in the Galway trip for ten days.

We assisted with two Get Real Days in Lyon County High Schools—prevention activities designed to give young people the coping skills they need.

We assisted with the second Medical Outreach Event that provided medical and dental services to 500 people in Lyon County.

We expanded employment case management services to two full-time people who work at four sites in Storey and Lyon County. We to employed 50 people in the past year.