

Community Chest 2016 Annual Report

Mission and Programs

Founded in 1991, Community Chest, Inc. serves the greater Northwestern Nevada area with a myriad of prevention programs and formerly, two statewide initiatives: K-12 service-learning and homeless youth education. Our mission is ***“To act as a catalyst for change and a center for resources to help people help themselves, as together we build healthy families and communities.”***

Community Chest is a United Way Partner agency with a staff of 40 full and part-time employees, 20 youth employees, and 20-plus regular volunteers. Our annual operating budget is \$1,848,154. Community Chest, Inc. was twice a semi-finalist for the Ford Foundation Leadership for a Changing World Award (2001 and 2002).

This year Community Chest celebrates its 26th year of building community at home and abroad. Our programs serve the entire age span— from early childhood education to nutrition for seniors— but the primary focus of our work is building healthy youth, families, and communities.

Program Accomplishments in 2016

We celebrated our 25th year of building community at home and abroad with the completion of fund-raising for Phase Two of the Community Center. Construction will begin in winter 2017. Phase Two will house the library, a tech center, an arts/recreation space, a kitchen and office spaces.

We successfully expanded the GAME Program for out-of-school youth to Fernley with 24 students from Storey and Lyon Counties.

We purchased an office for the GAME program and counseling and domestic violence services in Fernley. There will be seven staff working in Fernley.

We partnered with the Lyon County District Attorney’s Office to improve victim services (they are now co-located at CCI).

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 Healthy Communities Coalition’s Safe Schools/Healthy Students’ Program to provide four COW Bus programs 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 continued the program in Tonopah with a fifth bus there.

We led two community-based initiatives to address rural mental health, food security, public health, and youth and family programs in Nye County.

We provided a tech center with three 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, and served 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 Dayton, Silver Springs and Fernley.

We purchased an on-line data base, patron cards, and an e-book service for the Storey County Public Library. It is currently operating in Virginia City and Mark Twain.

We led a Global Voice service-learning trip to Costa Rica in January 2017. Five young people participated in the trip for ten days.

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 employed 25 people in the past year.

We started three Nevada Family First programs in Storey, Carson, and Hawthorne. This is an early childhood outreach program for new mothers.

We co-led the FASTT program in Lyon County. This program is intended to divert people with mental health/addiction issues to the proper treatment and thereby keep them out of the justice system.

Additional Financial Information

- Total Income for 2016: \$2,717,217.07
- Total Expenses for 2016: \$2,076,740.37
- Fund Raising Costs for 2016: \$16,475.15
- Administrative Costs for 2016: \$135,624.65
- Ending Net Assets for 2016: \$640,476.70

Board Roster

Cherie Nevin, President, term expires December 2017

Harriet Cummings, Vice President, term expires December 2017

Michelle Gamble, Secretary/Treasurer, term expires December 2018

Chad Sprong, Director, term expires July 2018

Shannon Parsons, Director, term expires August 2017

Lucy Pitto, Director, term expires December 2017

Cierra Frisby, Youth Representative, term expires May 2017