

Community Chest 2018 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 for calendar year 2018 was \$2,465,446. 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 28th 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 2018

After 20+ years of building a shared vision, building consensus, and fundraising, we completed the last 5,000 square feet of Phase Two of our Community Center which now houses the county library, a tech center, an arts/recreation space, a kitchen, and multiple office spaces. Because of this build-out, all programs benefitted as reflected in increased utilization numbers for everything from our primary care facility to our youth programs. More on this below.

The GAME Program for out-of-school youth in Fernley continues to serve nearly students from Storey and Lyon Counties. Because of an unexpected reduction in funding, the total number of students served dropped to 15 annually (down from 20 the year before).

We have completed and received county approval for a remodel of our Fernley building so that we will be able to have two additional office spaces in which our 7+ case management and counseling staff can meet with clients. We are hopeful that a contractor will be secured shortly so that this project can be completed in 2019.

We received additional support monies for our bi-county (Storey and Lyon counties) victim services program with which to provide short-term shelters for victims in both Virginia City and Dayton. This complements our established partnerships with both the Storey County and Lyon County District Attorneys' Offices.

We inaugurated our new community center space with our first full comprehensive summer program for 60+ youth ages 5-12 that included recreation, social skills building, and substance abuse prevention. The expanded space allowed for more recreational, arts, and other programming than ever before.

One of our COW Buses was parked in the parking lot of the community center to provide services to the little ones in the summer time. This is in addition to the usual mobile classroom stops up-and-down Highway 50 as well as in Tonopah. A total of approximately 60 students are served on a daily basis between all of the stops.

We hosted the 5th Annual THRIVE Conference with 100+ attendees from all over the state at the newly expanded community center in September, 2018. Topics included: affordable housing, immigration, and advocacy.

The new County Library space was heavily utilized by community groups needing meeting space. Since the grand opening in June, 2018, more than a dozen different groups – some with representatives from all over the state and region – have utilized the space.

We served 20 individuals per week in our Food Closet, and served over 35 families during Christmas and served 35 during families during Thanksgiving, and provided free nutritious snacks to 60+ K-6 youth per month in the elementary program. As well, we supported the schools in providing snacks and meals to 20+ students across all four Storey County schools.

Our Angel Tree program served *double* the number of people in need of a warm clothing item in 2018 compared to 2017 with nearly 200 people served. This was accomplished by increasing both the number of trees dispersed throughout the community (up to 5) and also the number of angels willing to help.

We continued to provide counseling services to approximately 100 clients over the past year in many areas: personal, family, drug and alcohol prevention, domestic violence, and youth development.

Thanks to a second exam room, our partners in our new Community Center's primary health care clinic – Nevada Health Centers – saw a 15% increase in the utilization of their services in 2018 with 430 patients versus 374 the year prior.

Our Global Voice group spent time in Loreto, Mexico in June, 2018 helping with a school-based community project.

We continued to offer expanded employment case management services to two full-time people who work at four sites in Storey and Lyon County. We continued to help approximately 25 people to find employment.

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

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Additional Financial Information

(From most recently completed audit for 2017)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Total Income for 2017:	\$2,323,804
<input type="checkbox"/>	Total Expenses for 2017:	\$2,998,223
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fund Raising Costs for 2017:	\$92,742
<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Costs for 2017:	\$258,833
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ending Net Assets for 2017:	\$484,327

Board Roster for 2018

Harriet Cummings, President, term expires December, 2019

Shannon Parsons, Vice President, term expires December 2020

Michelle Gamble, Secretary/Treasurer, term expires December 2020

Ben Albers, Director, term expires December 2020

Cherie Nevin, Director, term expires December 2019

Suzanne Valdez, Director, term expires December 2018

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