

# *Community Chest 2019 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 2019 was \$2,290,612.17. Community Chest, Inc. was twice a semi-finalist for the Ford Foundation Leadership for a Changing World Award (2001 and 2002).

In 2019, Community Chest celebrated its 29th 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 Highlights in 2019*

After one year, the Community Center that was recently completed in 2018 and boasts 10,000 square feet for our county library, a tech center, an arts/recreation space, a kitchen, a mental health and primary health care clinic, a brand new early childhood education center, and multiple office spaces, saw the highest utilization by program participants for each of its programs. This is further detailed below.

The GAME Program for out-of-school youth in Fernley continues to serve nearly students from Storey and Lyon Counties. Because of further reduction in funding due to federal funding formulas that decline with a drop in the unemployment rate, the total number of students served dropped to 10 annually (down from 15 the year before and 20 two years prior).

Our Fernley building remodel was completed 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. This has enabled our team to serve a higher number of clients on any particular day.

After attempting to run a local place-based shelter for six months, we transitioned to a “shelter-in-place” model wherein case managers can support victims of violence to remain in shelter within their home communities, thus reducing the trauma to both the victim and her children from being uprooted. This complements our established partnerships with both the Storey County and Lyon County District Attorneys’ Offices. Along those lines, our DV Advocacy efforts received almost \$500,000 over three years in part to expand services to victims in Yerington.

Our first full comprehensive summer program youth ages 5-12 that included recreation, social skills building, and substance abuse prevention saw the single highest number of kids served ever at 65. Daily census for the program averaged in the mid-40’s, up from the mid-20’s just five years ago. The expanded space allowed for more recreational, arts, and other programming than ever before.

An additional COW Bus teacher was hired which will allow all of our COW Buses to be utilized. The new teacher will provide services in Sutro.

We hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual THRIVE Conference with 100+ attendees from all over the state at the newly expanded community center in September, 2018. Topics included: the intersection of technology and human services, and how health and human services providers can better link with specific constituencies.

The County Library space continues to be utilized as a needed meeting space including the local robotics club for middle school students. The number of patrons increased by 85% from 75 last year to 139 this year, driven in large part due to the various e-platforms available.

We served 10 individuals per week in our Food Closet, and served over 20 families during Christmas and served 20 during families during Thanksgiving, and provided free nutritious snacks to 80+ 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 120 people in need of a warm clothing item. As with last year, 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 more than 200 clients over the past year in many areas: personal, family, drug and alcohol prevention, domestic violence, and youth development. This is double the number of clients seen up until just recently.

Thanks to a second exam room, our partners in our new Community Center's primary health care clinic – Nevada Health Centers – was able to provide 699 visits to 332 patients.

Our Global Voice group spent time in Loreto, Mexico in December, 2019 helping with two school-based community projects.

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 opened the only licensed early childhood education center in Storey County in Fall, 2019 and already have 15 young children enrolled.

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 2018)***

<input type="checkbox"/> Total Income for 2018:	\$2,180,552
<input type="checkbox"/> Total Expenses for 2018:	\$2,249,657
<input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising Costs for 2018:	\$99,847
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Costs for 2018:	\$275,440
<input type="checkbox"/> Ending Net Assets for 2018:	\$330,801

## ***Board Roster for 2019***

Cherie Nevin, President, term expires December, 2019

Shannon Parsons, Vice President, term expires December 2019

Ben Albers, Secretary/Treasurer, term expires December 2020

Michelle Gamble, Director, term expires December 2020

Harriet Cummings, Director, term expires December 2019

Suzanne Valdez, Director, term expires December 2020

Lucy Pitto, Director, term expires December 2020