

# Community Chest 2022 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 regular volunteers. Our annual operating budget for calendar year 2021 was \$3,454,088. Community Chest, Inc. was twice a semi-finalist for the Ford Foundation Leadership for a Changing World Award (2001 and 2002).

In 2022, Community Chest celebrated its 32nd 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 2022

It was a bit of a relief to have a more “normal” year in 2022 after two very unprecedented years in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID. In part due (seemingly) to everyone’s desire to re-establish routine and social connections, our programs continued to serve as many, if not more, clients than we’ve ever served previously.

We continued to provide counseling services face-to-face and via telehealth to more than 400 clients over the past year in many areas: personal, family, drug and alcohol prevention, domestic violence, sexual assault, and youth development. Our team of Counselors, Victim Advocates, Community Health Workers and Safe School Professionals provided over 1,100 crisis intervention services, provided over 1,100 referrals, and helped clients complete over 260 Victim of Crime Compensation applications. While this is more clients than we’ve ever previously served, what is perhaps just as telling is that the number of

counseling sessions increased from more than 2,500 last year to almost 3,500 this year. We continue to not only substantially provide counseling services to both Storey and Lyon counties, but Mineral County as well.

Along those same lines, our DV/SA Advocacy program serving victims of domestic violence and sexual assault across ALL of Storey and Lyon counties saw the number of victims it served remained steady at more than 300, and the number of sessions equaled last year's 2,000. Victim Advocates provided over 800 criminal and civil justice assistance to victims of crime, over 100 nights in shelter, and over 550 personal advocacy and accompaniment to victims of crime. All of these numbers are at all-time highs.

We were able to build off the momentum of reopening our Fernley building in 2021 to face-to-face contact which saw us serve a large number of out-of-school youth for 2022. The staff continues to be creative at finding ways to engage an already-difficult-to-engage population. We served a total of 25 youth in 2022.

Likewise, our COW Bus program which pre-COVID had upwards of 4 buses on the road providing early childhood education services to 100+ children and their family members in isolated rural areas also and was shut down for 18+ months, has begun reopening with two buses serving 30 kiddos in Mark Twain. Our plan is to get all buses back on the road just as soon as resources allow.

Our office space in Mineral County continued to offer more and more services in 2022 including in-home case management for families of little ones under 5, employment case management for those looking for work and training, community facilitation and leadership for developing capacity to address the opioid crisis, community health worker support for those needing connection to available resources, and community health worker support to kiddos in the middle and high schools who need a little bit of extra help.

As well, we expanded our early childhood education programming in Tonopah to more than a dozen families.

Our before-and-after school and summer programs were once again able to operate at 100% capacity and provided a much needed safe space for students from grades 1 – 8 to receive vital social connection and support. Indeed, summer enrollment hit a new high-water mark with 80+ students enrolled.

The County Library space also opened back up to face-to-face services. The number of library card holders increased again this year to 231 (from 194 the year prior), driven in large part due to the various e-platforms available. Plus, with our upgraded high-speed internet capabilities, we have seen usage of the library as a networked-meeting space rise considerably amongst interested community groups.

We have continued to see a high need for food post-pandemic and saw a large number of individuals served in November and December with more than 200 being provided with some type of food assistance. As well, we have continued to support the schools in providing snacks and meals to 40+ students across all four Storey County schools.

Our Angel Tree program also saw continued high need in 2022 with more than 200 people who were provided a warm clothing item. This program continues to benefit from a high level of community ownership and support which helps to make all of the coordination that much easier.

Thanks to a second exam room, our partners in our new Community Center's primary health care clinic – Nevada Health Centers – provided services to more than 400 patients, our highest annual total ever. Telehealth services accounted for 8% of all such visits.

Our case management programs continued to offer expanded employment case management services with two full-time people who work at four sites in Storey and Lyon County. In 2022, we were able to provide direct employment training and other assistance to at least 45 people.

Our licensed early childhood education center in Storey County has been at max capacity since it reopened in the Spring of 2019. This means that we are serving 28 little ones daily. This does not count the newly opened Infant Care Center which serves upwards of another 8 little ones daily.

We continued the Nevada Family First programs in Storey, Lyon, Carson, and Hawthorne (and Tonopah) by again offering services face-to-face. This early childhood outreach program for families with kiddos under five has continued to operate at max enrollment through COVID and social distancing.

With COVID now behind us, the focus for agency operations has been returning to “business as usual” by making sure all of our needed programs are available to those who need them. As with the previous year, the gency and staff continued to flourish by being resilient and by adapting to new service platforms, being flexible with their delivery of programs, and continuing to meet the needs of our ever-changing community, through all spans of life, and by holding true to the mission and values of Community Chest, Inc.

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# Additional Financial Information

(From most Form 990 for 2021)

<input type="checkbox"/> Total Income for 2021:	\$3,454,088
<input type="checkbox"/> Total Expenses for 2021:	\$3,159,929
<input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising Costs for 2021:	\$2,851
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Costs for 2021:	\$277,380
<input type="checkbox"/> Ending Net Assets for 2021:	\$484,834

## Board Roster for 2022

Stacy York, President, term expires December, 2023

Shannon Parsons, Vice President, term expires December 2023

Lucy Pitto, Secretary/Treasurer, term expires December 2023

Michelle Gamble, Director, term expires December 2022

Harriet Cummings, Director, term expires December 2023

Ben Albers, Director, term expires December 2022

Suzanne Valdez, Director, term expires December 2022