

Community Chest 2023 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 50+ full and part-time employees, 20 youth employees, and regular volunteers. Our annual operating budget for calendar year 2022 was \$3,454,088 (*same report as for 2021 because one-time change of fiscal year meant an 18-month report covering 1/1/201 to 6/30/2022 was filed*). 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 33rd 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 2023

Even though COVID was largely in the rearview mirror, the level of need continues to be higher than ever post-pandemic. This is likely due to several factors – social displacement, economic uncertainty, environmental concerns, and more – that are contributing to a general heightened sense of dis-ease, and reinforcing the value of the services we provide.

We continued to provide counseling services face-to-face and via telehealth to more than 600 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 1,800 counseling sessions to nearly 600 different clients. 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 at a high level. Victim Advocates provided many victims of crime with over 50 nights in shelter, and over 550 personal advocacy and accompaniment to victims of crime.

We were able to continue the momentum of providing face-to-face services out of Fernley building for 2023. 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 2023.

Likewise, our COW Bus program which pre-COVID had upwards of 4 buses on the road providing early childhood education services to 60+ children, including two buses serving 20 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 2023 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 have continued operating 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 300+ (from 231 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 2023 with more than 255 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 503 patients, our highest annual total ever. A total of 533 appointments were completed.

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 nearly 50 people.

Our licensed early childhood education center in Storey County has been at max capacity since it reopened in the Spring of 2019. With the addition of our Infant Care Center (serving wee ones between the ages of 6 months and 2 years), this means that we are serving nearly 50 little ones regularly, and 37 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.

The focus for agency operations has been aligning and securing resources to prepare for upcoming anticipated growth in Virginia City (new ECE Center coming online in 2024), Lockwood (new Community Center coming online in 2025), and Hawthorne (new Community Center coming online in 2025). As with the previous year, the agency 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.

Community Chest 2023 Annual Report Posted online at
www.communitychestnevada.net/about-us/annual-report/

Additional Financial Information

(From most recent Form 990 for 2022)

<input type="checkbox"/> Total Income for 2022:	\$4,365,784
<input type="checkbox"/> Total Expenses for 2022:	\$4,249,618
<input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising Costs for 2022:	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Costs for 2022:	\$364,225
<input type="checkbox"/> Ending Net Assets for 2022:	\$663,199

Board Roster for 2023

Stacy York, President, term expires December, 2025

Shannon Parsons, Vice President, term expires December 2025

Lucy Pitto, Secretary/Treasurer, term expires December 2025

Michelle Gamble, Director, term expires December 2024

Harriet Cummings, Director, term expires December 2025

Ben Albers, Director, term expires December 2024

Jennifer McClendon, Director, term expires December 2024

Suzanne Valdez, Director, term expires December 2024

Chris Wagner, Director, term expires December 2025