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Community Collaborations

The Community Foundation collaborates with other organizations and coalitions in our community whose goals and vision for community development align with our own. After identifying major issues affecting our own initiatives, we were able to identify those actively working on that issue and seek to contribute to their own initiatives whenever possible.

Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition

The Mission of the Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition is to support caregivers in our community by promoting awareness and access to, as well as coordination and advocacy for, respite services in Nevada throughout the lifespan.

One Truckee River Initiative

The One Truckee River Management Plan will manage, protect and provide stewardship for the Truckee River across all jurisdictional boundaries. Nevada Land Trust and Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful act as lead agencies with the assistance and cooperation of a large Truckee River stakeholder group to fundraise and develop the plan.

Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities

Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities is a collaborative of thought leaders and influencers who seek to make an impact on the health of their community. The collaborative seeks to build a model where all community members strive toward a culture of health in the Truckee Meadows. This model will include the intersection of the health, education and community development sectors in our region. Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities seeks to create a healthier community through a collective impact project.

Community Engagement + Action + Evaluation = Impact

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Looking Ahead

At the time of drafting this impact report, the Community Foundation was actively planning for two new initiatives and programs. The following activities will launch and begin their own monitoring and evaluation processes over the course of 2019.

Financial Abuse Initiative

Financial abuse can take many forms, including fraud, scams, and predatory lending and is becoming an increasing concern at the national and state level. Financial abuse cases are typically underreported, and it is impossible to have a full record of each case of financial abuse. According to the National Center on Elder Abuse, only one in 44 cases are reported. There are a multitude of reasons why financial abuse is underreported, such as the victim feeling embarrassed or guilty, fearing retaliation, not wanting a family member to get in trouble, or being unaware or in denial of the abuse.

A steering committee has been created and we are now seeking the involvement of people who have been impacted by financial abuse.

Nonprofit Academy

After reviewing activities of other community foundations, it was decided that the Community Foundation of Western Nevada would seek to expand education opportunities for young nonprofit executive directors with less than three years of experience. This gave rise to the Nonprofit Academy, a year-long program that meets monthly to provide executive directors with access to professionals and information who have expertise in an area of development. The program launched in January 2019 and is entirely tailored to the needs of the executive directors taking part in the Academy. The Academy ultimately hopes to graduate nonprofit directors who feel more comfortable in their roles. Their knowledge will be measured both before and after the Nonprofit Academy to discern an increase in knowledge and preparedness.

Village on Sage Street

Once construction for the Village on Sage Street is complete and tenants have moved in, we will evaluate the project with Volunteers of America, the operator. Although specific measurements are yet to be determined, we will examine how having affordable housing affects other parts of tenants' lives. For example, are tenants now able to pay off debt and improve their credit score? Are they able to save up money to afford an apartment? Can they now purchase their first car and get a better job and have access to other opportunities?

There's more to come in 2019.

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