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2018 Annual Report

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
of Western Nevada
We help community organizations do their important and vital work, including these two Community Fund Grant Recipients, the Veteran’s Guest House and the Lotus Project (read more about them on pages 11 and 18).
Since its founding in 1998, the Community Foundation of Western Nevada has excelled at collaboration. In fact, we put it right in our mission: Connecting people who care with causes that matter. In 2018, we combined that core strength with an expanded vision of what the Community Foundation can accomplish, and the innovative approach required to bring that vision to life.

Our team took on unprecedented challenges this past year. In response to the growing housing crisis, we formed a Community Housing Land Trust and launched the Village on Sage Street—affordable dorm-style housing—with a team of go-getters committed to making a positive and lasting impact on our community. As this report is being released, folks are moving into the Village, demonstrating what is possible when we look beyond traditional roles and think bigger.

Our work continues to be made possible by those who donate and partner with the Community Foundation. Without their generosity, leadership and support, we would not be able to serve the philanthropic needs of our community. In 2018, their gifts included more real property than we have ever received, gifts that helped fund the Village on Sage Street, grow the Community Endowment, and provide tremendous funding for scholarships and grants. Community visionaries contributed $3.7 million as of December 2018 to the Community Endowment Campaign, and we know of more than $10 million in bequests that have been arranged to support this lasting resource. We are proud to say “yes” to virtually any asset a donor wishes to give and are always grateful to receive them.

In 2018 we expanded evaluation and reporting on the impact of our community engagement work. We have come a long way in our efforts to measure results through evidence-based standards, consistently pushing ourselves to verify what works and what doesn’t and to ensure that our community projects are achieving the results donors seek.

Our accomplishments in 2018 were a result of the efforts of many people, but they were also the result of the vision and commitment of my friend and former Foundation Board Chair Jim Pfrommer. Jim passed away in February of this year, but his legacy lives on in the expanding potential we all now see in the Community Foundation. Jim’s leadership was inspirational, and his heart for our community has become the heart of the Community Foundation of Western Nevada. Thank you, Jim—we honor you by continuing to bring your vision to life.

Chris Askin, President & CEO,
Community Foundation of Western Nevada
What We Did

Village on Sage Street—Helping 220 Community Members Come Home

By the time you read this, 220 people will be moving home—into the Village on Sage Street, a unique, dorm-style, bridge housing community. The Village on Sage Street aspires to bridge those with home insecurity (homelessness, shelter living, motel living and other transient living) to safe, secure housing on their way to permanent housing. The Community Foundation took on unprecedented roles to make this project happen in just 18 months.

Seeing new ways to solve entrenched problems

Affordable housing is in a state of crisis in Northern Nevada. Rents have risen more than 50 percent, with the average one-bedroom apartment costing $1,259 monthly—effectively pushing low-income and elderly residents out and contributing to homelessness.

In April 2018, Reno developers Par Tolles and Allison Gorelick approached the Foundation with a radical idea—acquire some modular units and convert them into an affordable housing community in downtown Reno. They had inspected the units, talked with Reno Assistant City Manager Bill Thomas and determined the project was feasible—with the right partners.

The Community Foundation was already actively engaged in addressing the local housing crisis, having made an impact investment in affordable housing at Hillside Meadows in 2017. We understood the problem and, encouraged by Community Foundation fundholders, were 100 percent committed to developing innovative solutions. We were so committed to the cause that we took on a completely new role—both for us and community foundations in general: that of developer.

1 Reno, NV Rental Market Trends, rentcafe.com, June, 2019
A one-of-a-kind private/public/social partnership

The Village on Sage Street is a collaboration of private individuals and businesses, public agencies and social benefit nonprofits. Where governments can sometimes get bogged down in bureaucracy, foundations can be agile, responsive and get things done quickly, which made the Community Foundation’s leadership role essential.

The Community Foundation settled into the role of project lead and fundraiser, working toward the $8.5 million price tag; the City of Reno contributed four acres of suitable land, which will be held by the new Community Housing Land Trust; and Volunteers of America took on management of the completed facility. Private developers, contractors, businesses, EDAWN, Community Foundation donors, and generous community members all gave to make the Village on Sage Street a reality.

Innovative solutions require creativity—and bravery

Located between 4th Street and the railroad tracks east of downtown Reno, the Village on Sage Street is, in many ways, an experiment. Can we help 220 low-income individuals move to permanent, secure housing? Can we build a successful community model from the ground up quickly in order to make an immediate impact?

“The housing situation is a widespread problem in the West. We need to think creatively to catch up with the need for an available affordable place to live. I hope this creates a template for other cities.”

—Allison Gorelick, Managing Member, Gorelick Real Estate Advisors
The Village on Sage Street came together—from idea to move-in—in just 18 months. The modular structures were previously used in Anchorage, Alaska, as a man camp for seasonal oil workers, then in mining camps in Wyoming, making acquisition of these tested units affordable and quick. A person earning $9 an hour will be able to afford the $400 monthly rent, achieve housing security and begin saving money to transition to permanent housing. And importantly, this community will be self-sustaining through rent, not requiring any government subsidy.

The impact of Village on Sage Street goes beyond the 220 lives of its residents. It created and strengthened vital community relationships, bringing together many groups with a shared vision of a better Northern Nevada and the potential we have to do more good things together.

“I hope this becomes an inspiration for creative thought.”
—Par Tolles, CEO, Tolles Development Company

“It is a challenge to make a community-supported project come around. The Village on Sage Street success is getting hundreds of people to believe in a cause, and to stick with it, despite setbacks and difficulties. It is amazing to me how many people put this as their top priority. I think the teamwork is a reflection of the “Little City” part of Reno’s motto, the Biggest Little City.”
—Bill Thomas, Assistant Reno City Manager
IT TOOK A COMMUNITY TO RAISE THIS VILLAGE—VILLAGE ON SAGE DONORS

We are deeply grateful to the many businesses, organizations and individuals that helped create the Village on Sage Street.

The City of Reno
Satre Family Fund
Monroe Schuler Fund

Summit Engineering
Q&D Construction
Gorelick Real Estate Advisors

Western Nevada Supply
Ernest Adamo
Helix Electric
Thomas P. Raley Foundation

Dan Carne, Architect
The Carpenter Family

Charles Schwab Bank
Magali Rivera & Ernest Wu
NV Energy Foundation
Pezonella Associates, Inc.

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Bob and Amy Tait Charitable Fund (through J.P. Morgan Chase Charitable Giving)
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The Abbi Agency
Baselite
Behr Paint
Beno’s Flooring
Donald & Sharon Boston Charitable Fund
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Community Advised Fund
Dickson Realty
Ralph and Barbara Drake
Peter Etchart
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Robert Goldberg
Group West Construction
Heritage Bank of Northern Nevada
Hinckley Family Foundation (through National Outreach Foundation)

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The Michael and Karren Smith Charitable Fund
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Janice Rude-Willson
Scott Wong
Kathleen Zimmerman

Many additional donors provided gifts up to $1,000
2018 Community Impact

CAREGIVER SUPPORT INITIATIVE—IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE FOR UNPAID CAREGIVERS

Recognizing a community need and filling it

The Caregiver Support Initiative connects caregivers to needed local resources. Caregiving touches everybody. All of us either are now, have been, or will be a caregiver—or, at some point in our lives, we will need care ourselves. By connecting caregivers to needed local resources, we are increasing the quality of their lives and the lives they care for, reducing stress and creating a sense of community. In 2018, the Caregiver Support Initiative concentrated on spreading the word about WashoeCaregivers.org, monthly published blogs from local family caregivers and professionals, and the Guide Book to Beginning Care.

Seeking to improve on a successful model

The Caregiver Support Initiative Steering Committee is a collaboration of Community Foundation staff and volunteers from our Board, professionals working in fields related to senior health, and family caregivers. Their continual review and assessment are serving to ensure even more valuable resources for the caregiver community.

In June 2018, the Steering Committee hosted a community re-convening to hear from residents about the impact of the Caregiver Support Initiative in their lives and to discuss the organization’s future. The Community Foundation was encouraged to do more outreach and advertising of the Washoe Caregivers Guidebook and resource website.

A total of 10,500 copies of the Washoe Caregivers Guidebook were distributed at more than 100 locations, including Renown Health, nonprofit organizations, health care providers and other local organizations. Survey results show that 81 percent of family caregivers now feel better prepared to talk with health care professionals about the care their family member receives. Furthermore, 94 percent of caregivers who used the resource website would recommend WashoeCaregivers.org.

Adding valuable tools to the toolkit

Caregivers often have demanding careers and jobs. Their days are long and complicated.

In 2018, the Caregiver Support Initiative published the Caregiver Employee Toolkit to help working caregivers and their employers manage the demands of caregiving and job responsibilities. The Toolkit is distributed to local businesses, including the Community Foundation Corporate Philanthropy Partners.

2018 Community Fund Grant Recipient—Seniors in Service

A Community Fund grant was given to Seniors in Service for their Respite Voucher Program, a grant-funded service for live-in caregivers who need a break. For those who qualify, a voucher of $1,000 may be available to pay for care. Family caregivers can use the voucher all at once to provide care while they take a brief vacation, or they may use it throughout the year for occasional days away or evenings out.
Honor Jones Shares Personal Experience, Bringing Insight to Initiative

Honor Jones is a member of the Caregiver Support Initiative Steering Committee, which works to enhance the lives of family caregivers in Northern Nevada. She came to the Community Foundation to talk about her role as a full-time caregiver for her husband, Max Jones. When Max was diagnosed with ALS, they were told his life expectancy was three months. He lived another 12 years, during which time Honor cared for him.

Honor talked with Max about her involvement in the Caregiver Support Initiative Steering Committee, asking for his opinions about subjects discussed at the meetings. She was proud to show him the printed Washoe Caregivers Guidebook that she had contributed to with his input.

Max passed away on September 9, 2018. Honor continues to serve on the Steering Committee, collaborating with the community’s social services, medical entities and medical school members to improve the lives of family caregivers.

You can read Honor’s full story at WashoeCaregivers.org/Honor.

2018 Community Fund Grant Recipient—Bees4Vets

Bees4Vets is a nonprofit organization that assists military veterans impacted by post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), or traumatic brain injury (TBI), through vocational beekeeping experiences. By combining outdoor activity, education and community outreach, they create an environment of support and focused training. Working beekeepers must be fully conscious and “in the moment,” which can be valuable therapy for recovering veterans.
**HIGH SCHOOL GIVING CIRCLE—CULTIVATING A CULTURE OF ENGAGEMENT AND PHILANTHROPY**

Two High School Giving Circles were funded in 2018, thanks to two generous donors. Based on student research and recommendations from these two groups, $20,000 in grants were distributed to 10 different groups, including:

1. Arts for All (bedside art workshops)
2. Casa de Vida (funding for a therapist)
3. The Children’s Cabinet (funding for overnight stays in shelter)
4. Communities in Schools (school attendance incentives and bus passes for Hug High School and Innovations High School for transportation to and from work, school, and home.)
5. The Eddy House (Wellness Program)
6. Family Counseling Services of Northern Nevada (Summer camp counselor background checks)
7. Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (funding for printing and translating a handbook for sexual assault survivors into Spanish.)
8. Northern Nevada International Center (UNR/refugee mentor match program)
9. Note-Able Music Therapy Services (Five pentatonic boxes used by people of all ages and a range of diagnoses—from addiction to mental health conditions and physical disabilities—to soothe and relax)
10. Sierra Association of Foster Families (Hurray for Play, financial literacy, Heathy Stages Theater and Media, academic tutoring and vocational instruction programs)

**Measuring our impact, planning for future success**

Students who participated in 2018 were surveyed to assess the impact of the Giving Circle experience. A full 96 percent say they are more likely to volunteer after participating in the 10 weekly meetings of the High School Giving Circle; 83 percent are more likely to donate money or in-kind contributions; and 96 percent will list this valuable experience on their college application.

Nonprofit executives and the members of the High School Giving Circle reconvened in 2019 so the nonprofits could report on the measurable impact of the 2018 grants administered by the Giving Circle.
FAMILY ESTATE PLANNING SERIES—
GUIDING CITIZENS IN RESPONSIBLE PLANNING

In 2018, the Community Foundation and KNPB, along with nonprofit sponsors, hosted two free weekly series about estate planning. The eight-class series is facilitated by KNPB CEO Kurt Mische at the Sierra View Library and taught by volunteer expert attorneys and trust fiduciaries. Topics covered include wills, probate and trusts, responsibilities of executors and trustees, important powers of attorney and DNRs, long-term planning and how to protect your digital assets.

Big thanks to our 2018 class presenters:
Chris Askin
Mark Dreschler
Ryan Earl
Joe Gorman
Jason Morris
Michaelle Rafferty
John Smith
Nicole Vance
Luke Welmerink

Sponsoring nonprofit organizations:
American Heart Association
Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows
Children’s Cabinet
Food Bank of Northern Nevada
Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada
KUNR and KNCJ Radio
Nevada Land Trust
Nevada Women’s Fund
Feeding Pets of the Homeless
Renown Health Foundation
SPCA of Northern Nevada
Tahoe Pyramid Trail
TMCC Foundation
United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra
Washoe County Library

Measuring our impact, planning for future success
Approximately 200 people attended the spring and fall Estate Planning classes. As a result, 84 percent of them felt more prepared to leave a legacy for their family, and 80 percent felt less stressed about estate planning.

2018 Community Fund Grant Recipient—Care Chest
For more than a quarter of a century, CARE Chest has been a critical health resource for thousands of Northern Nevadans. A total of 85 percent of this community-driven organization’s funding comes from private sources. They have provided more than 127,000 individual services in Northern Nevada and have been a reliable resource for individuals facing medical poverty. CARE Chest’s free programs are designed to fill insurance gaps for underserved populations.
DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
Funds established by individuals, families and organizations. This is the most flexible way to give. The donor decides where and when to recommend grants.

Anonymous
Alderman Family Charitable Fund
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AVANZAR Charitable Foundation
Jack and Jane Becker Charitable Foundation
Bergmann Family Fund
Charles E. Bertolina Charitable Trust
Bingham Charitable Fund
Donald and Sharon Boston Charitable Fund
Charney 1996 Trust Charitable Fund
Shari Chase Fund
Barbara B. Clarke Family Fund
Clontz-Howard Charitable Fund
Coast to Coast Foundation
Community Fund
Community Advised Fund
Partnership Grantmaking Fund
Matt and Kathy Croughan Charitable Fund
Dees Family Charitable Fund
Shayne Del Cohen Charitable Fund
Denzler Family Charitable Fund
Jessica Satre Diss Charitable Fund
DLL Charitable Fund
Eagles’ Wings Struve Family Fund

The EWB Fund
Family Court Judicial Benevolent Fund Foundation
John and Catherine Farahi Family Foundation
Freedom Charitable Fund
Fredricksen Green Foundation
Mario Gabelli Charitable Fund
Gaw Family Charitable Fund
Mark and Clemencia Glenn Foundation
Gorelick Family Fund
Evangeline Grant Memorial Music Endowment
K and K Grimm Family Fund
Bruce and Nora James Family Fund
Bruce R. James Foundation Endowment
Jack and Shanaz Langson Fund
Laurenson Family Fund
Legacy of Grace Foundation
Terri and Gray Levy Charitable Fund
Richard P. Lewis Family Foundation
Lucille Nelson Lindsay Charitable Fund
Lurie and Vogelsong Charitable Fund
Lurie Land Foundation Fund
Make a Difference Fund
Allison Satre Manzari Charitable Fund
Robert and Gloria McDonald Family Fund
Ann Marie and Kevin C. Melcher Charitable Fund
Linton A. Mollath Family Foundation

DONOR SERVICES
We know you have choices when it comes to establishing a donor advised fund. Thank you for choosing your local Community Foundation.

When you work with the Community Foundation, in addition to the impact you make with your own grants, you help make our community engagement work possible.

Share your vision for your philanthropy with us. We will work hard to help you realize that vision, simplifying the granting process so you can give with passion. You gain access to expertise, community connections and new opportunities for involvement.

Your relationship with the Community Foundation is a personal relationship that will deepen the satisfaction in your life, communicate your values and create good in the community. We can help you give forever and give well.
Fundholder supports important work close to home and far away.

Grants from donor advised funds support a variety of causes dear to our fundholders. Fundholder and Board Trustee Susanne Pennington and a cohort of supporters in the Truckee Meadows have built a school for 300 students in Arusha, Tanzania. Community Foundation President & CEO Chris Askin and wife Ann visited Susanne at the school in May 2018. Chris said, “We saw the profound need, and how carefully directed and monitored philanthropy can make a difference.”

DESIGNATED FUNDS
These funds support a specific nonprofit organization or mission.

Be Instrumental Arts Endowment
Frank Bender Charitable Endowment
Dixie Bradshaw’s Principal Fund
Brewery Arts Center Endowment
CARE Chest Endowment
Community Endowment
Community Nutrition Education Endowment
Dangberg Home Ranch Endowment
Feeding Pets of the Homeless Endowment
Serving Our Communities.org Charitable Fund
BJ and NL Shipman Family Foundation
Ron and Linda Smith Donor Advised Fund
Michael and Karren Smith Family Fund
Cristoforo Colombo Lodge 1534 Reno Sons of Italy Organizational Fund
Mark and Carol Steingard Family Charitable Fund
Sullivan and Taylor Charitable Fund
Sullivan and Taylor Family Foundation
Sundoulos Fund
Tappan Family Memorial Fund
Tonopah Girl Charitable Fund
Lilli Trinchero Charitable Fund
Twentieth Century Club Legacy Club
Vanderleest Family Donor Advised Fund
Victor Charitable Fund
Jim and Karlene Webster Family Fund
Ranson and Norma Webster Foundation
Western Nevada Supply Charitable Fund
Geoff and Sally White Charitable Fund
Emily Jane Wilbanks Memorial Fund
John and Ginny Williamson Charitable Fund
Youth in Philanthropy Giving Circle
Zonta Club of Greater Reno Master Fund
Zurek Charitable Fund
Friends of Nevada Wilderness Endowment
Women’s Giving Circle Fund
Great Basin Outdoor School Endowment
Great Basin National Park Foundation
Gus and Jeanne Legacy Fund
Bill Handsaker Fund
Immunize Nevada Fund
Family Estate Planning Fund
The Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful Endowment
Robert E. Kendall Fourth Ward School Endowment
Kidview, Inc. Foundation Agency Fund
KNPB Endowment Fund
Gene and Betty Kopfhammer Fund
Tom and Bennie Livoti Wellness Charitable Fund
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Endowment
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Granting Fund
Mansfield Endowment for the Benefit of Humane Society
May Arboretum Endowment Fund
Marilyn R. Melton Endowment for the Humanities
First United Methodist Foundation of Reno
Monroe Schuler Charitable Fund
Eugene Mortara Memorial Endowment
Nevada Commission for Women Fund
Nevada Humanities Fund
Nevada Land Trust Endowment
Nevada Military Support Alliance Endowment
Reno Philharmonic Fund
 Restart Endowment
Raymond C. Rude Supporting Foundation
Raymond C. Rude Designated Fund to Benefit the US Diving Foundation
SAFE Endowment
Sage Ridge School Endowment
Senior Support Fund
The David Shaw-Kennedy, III Fund
Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows IGU - Nepal Project Fund
Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows Non-endowed IGU-Nepal Income Fund
Sparks Heritage Museum Endowment
St. Paul’s Church Berlin, Maryland Fund
George D. Sullivan Memorial Fund
Tahoe-Pyramid Trail Endowment
Tonopah Community Fund
Tonopah Library Fund
Lilli Trinchero Celebrate Diversity Endowment
Trinity Episcopal Church Endowment
United Way of N. Nevada and the Endowment
Vanderleest Family Charitable Fund
The Veterans Guest House Endowment
Washoe Ability Resource Center Endowment
Washoe CASA Foundation
The David Wallace Legacy Fund
The Susanne and Gloria Young Foundation
Youth Engaged in Service Fund
Youth Network Initiative
Zonta Club of Greater Reno Endowment

2018 Community Fund Grant—Urban Lotus Project
Urban Lotus offers trauma-informed yoga and meditation classes at organizations in Reno serving at-risk and underserved youth and young adults. With core values of non-violence, mindfulness and respect, techniques are offered that help achieve emotional balance, impulse control and manage stress while strengthening the mind and body.

Nevada Museum of Art Endowment
Note-Able Music Therapy Services Endowment
The Maison Ortiz Fund
Maison T Ortiz Family Charitable Fund
Margaret E. Oser Endowment Fund for Women
Community Endowment Campaign Fund
RenoCares Fund
Reno Chamber Orchestra Endowment
Reno Family Shelter Endowment
Reno Police Foundation
Reno Little Theater Endowment
Reno Philharmonic Endowment

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SCHOLARSHIPS
The Community Foundation offers a broad range of scholarships designed for a variety of learners from high school seniors to preschoolers, “non-traditional” students going back to school to continuing education for professionals.

Atlantis Award of Excellence
Alan G. Bain Initiative in Science or Math Endowment
Matt Bartlett Memorial Foundation Fund
Jack and Jane Becker College Scholarship
Orville Belding Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Boston Family Scholarship
Peggy Bowker Memorial Scholarship for Women in Engineering Fund
Kendyl Ruth Williams Depoali Memorial Scholarship Fund
Robert and Judy Dreiling Scholarship Fund
Ezzysgift Fund
Foster Children Education Foundation
GIAR Grandmothers First-Generation Scholarship
William and Martha Karraker Scholarship Endowment
Tom and Bennie Livoti Saint Teresa of Avila Endowed Scholarship
Gordon Lymbery PhD Memorial Scholarship
Dieter and Hedwig Meun Scholarship
General Fred Michel Scholarship
Chief Master Sergeant Gerald L. Larson
Nevada Air National Guard Scholarship
Nevada Veterinary Medical Association Scholarship
NV Energy Powerful Partnerships Scholarship
Diane Olds Memorial Education Scholarship
Reno and Gloria Quilici Scholarship
Read with Me Foundation Scholarship
Emily Reese Memorial Debate Scholarship
Reno Central Rotary Scholarship
Reno Pops Orchestra Scholarship
Philip and Jennifer Satre Scholarship
P and J Satre Medical Education Fund
Officer Mike Scofield Memorial Scholarship
Serendipity Scholarship
Ron and Linda Smith Family Scholarship
Nicole Snyder Memorial Scholarship
Eugene F. and Nadine G. Stegelmeyer Endowed Scholarship
John R. Stockman Scholarship
Systems Consultants Scholarship
Tonopah Community Endowment
Emily Jane Wilbanks Memorial Scholarship
Claudine Williams Harrah’s Las Vegas Employee Scholarship
Zonta of Greater Reno Scholarship

Emily Reese Memorial Debate Scholarship
Family and friends of Emily Reese established this fund in her honor and welcome your tax-deductible gifts. The purpose of the Emily Reese Memorial Debate Scholarship is to honor the life and interests of Emily Reese. The scholarship will provide awards to selected students with financial need to pay for tournament fees, travel and attendance at national debate camps. The first scholarship was awarded this year to a student from McQueen High School who will attend a debate camp at the University of Michigan this summer.

“Debate has been an endless source of distraction and love for our family—a safe harbor during Emily’s courageous, nearly nine-year cancer journey. For many students, debate is the key to a better life. We will honor her memory by blessing students.”

—Devon Reese, Emily’s former husband and lifelong friend.
FIELD OF INTEREST
These funds support a general area of charitable work, a geographic area, or specific population.
Dora De Anderson Endowment Fund
Darryl Bader SR. Memorial Fund
The Jack Montrose Bobbitt Endowment for Children
Camp Lamoille Recovery Fund
Community Housing Land Trust, LLC
Crone’s Coin Charitable Fund
Dream Tags Charitable Fund
Estipona Group Good Deed Fund
Nevada Animal Fund
Springmeyer Charitable Endowment Foundation
Thomas Stoker Endowment for Children
Truckee River Fund

AFFILIATE FUNDS
An affiliate fund is an endowment dedicated to a region or community. A local fund advisory committee assesses community needs and opportunities, raises funds for the endowment and determines grant and program priorities.
Community Foundation of Elko County Endowed Fund
Community Foundation of Elko County General Fund
Community Foundation of Douglas County

In 2018, the Truckee River Fund granted more than $767,000 to nonprofit and governmental organization projects to protect and enhance water quality and resources for the Truckee River and its watershed. One funded project was improving water quality by reducing erosion, sediment loading, and other pollutants to the Little Truckee River and Stampede Reservoir.
(photo credit: Mitch Barrie)
The GIAR Scholarship—Honoring Initiative, Celebrating Promise

The GIAR scholarship was established by Jim and Gail Pfrommer to honor their grandmothers. It helps first-generation women from immigrant parents pursue an education journey that supports their life goals. The four 2018 scholarship winners share their visions for how education will impact their future success.

The Community Foundation offers a broad range of scholarships designed for a variety of learners from high school seniors to preschoolers, “non-traditional” students going back to school to continuing education for professionals. Scholarships help students live the life they envision for themselves.

“Arriving in the U.S. my parents had no furniture but one mattress, and our family of four lived in a one-bedroom apartment. That is how it was for a couple of years. I’ve experienced my parents’ struggle. I’ve lost track of how many times I’ve translated for my parents at a pharmacy, clinic, optometrist, or hospital. I’ve decided to major in Nursing and Spanish Literature and Culture with a minor in Spanish Translation at the University of Nevada, Reno, so I can give back to my community. My future is bright in big part because of my parent’s brave actions. I will make their struggle worth it.”

—Gabriela Mezza Garcia

“My goal is to enroll in college and major in business/accounting. My father juggled extra rigorous hours at work in order to support my family. I strive to help people plan for their financial future. Many minority students such as myself don’t see many college-education people in their lives. In response, I stand to influence young girls with dreams of becoming substantial and successful women with vision.”

—Janet Cerrillo

“I understand that I have an abundance of opportunities. I am enrolled at the University of Nevada, Reno, to earn a degree in Civil Engineering and Spanish Literature. I am going to be the first in our family to do something big, something my parents really wanted and had been working for even though they didn’t know how to help me get there. I hope that by being the first to go to college, I will be making my parents proud; not just of me, but of themselves too. The next part of our family story is beginning. It is up from here.”

—Jackie Medina

“I have what my parents did not have at my age—an opportunity—and I have to take advantage of it! I’ve come to believe that a higher education is my only salvation. I made it to the top of my class earning the title of Valedictorian. My parents did not know much when they came to this county—they did what they knew and they knew how to work. Some people must work hard for what others are born with.”

—Mabel Sedano
Partnership Grant Program

The year 2018 marked the end of the Partnership Grant program. During the last 12 years, $1.4 million was distributed to 103 local nonprofits through thoughtful designations made by the Partnership Grants Selection Committee. Today, the Campaign for Our Community (see story on pg 38) is successfully growing our Community Endowment, the income from which will fund our future grants to the community through the Community Fund.

2018 PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

The focus of our 2018 Partnership Grants was on evaluation of existing programs. All recipients were committed to getting better data, learning better self-assessment and using that information to improve their programming. Each organization had a clear plan for how to evolve their evaluation process for growth and improved effectiveness.

“The Generator Inc. Community Maker Space continues to grow and evolve to serve more than 250 artists in Northern Nevada. Our partnership grant from the Community Foundation of Western Nevada is helping us gain more information about our artists, systems and programs to become an even better resource for our community.”

—Jessi Sprocket, Public Programs & Communications Coordinator, The Generator
We could get nothing done, and in fact the Community Foundation could not even exist, without all of you—the donors, partners, supporters and other champions of community philanthropy.

What we accomplish in this community is a direct result of what our donors and partners facilitate. It is their generosity, their vision, their leadership and compassion that enables the Community Foundation to both exist and to make positive change possible in Northern Nevada.

**Donors—The Heart of Our Community**

Ernest Adamo  
Robert and Kerry Aguirre  
Dan and Kathy Ahearn  
Wendy and Albert Alderman  
Elaine Alexander and Robert Moore  
Julie Ardito  
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Capital Glass, Inc.  
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Carson Valley Accounting  
Cashman Family Foundation  
Linda Castillo  
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**Donor Profile—Gorelick Family**

Envisioning a Better Community with Their Children

Allison Gorelick sought out the Community Foundation as she and a fellow real estate developer were building the team that ultimately brought the Village on Sage Street, dorm-style modular housing units, to Reno. Allison’s energy, knowledge in real estate development, and creative thinking were vital to the success of the building and planning process. Her calm commitment in the face of obstacles that go along with building an innovative housing community inspired a “let’s do this” attitude in other collaborators: The City of Reno, Volunteers of America, private construction companies, and the Community Foundation staff and Board. As a result of her experience, Allison and her husband Jeff, decided to contribute to the Community Foundation by creating a donor-advised fund for their family’s charitable efforts.

The Gorelick family found it efficient to donate rental apartments that had appreciated in value. The tax savings and the Community Foundation’s process for accepting gifts of property made their generous gift satisfying and simple. Allison and Jeff will use their family donor-advised fund to support community causes and nonprofits that are important to them. They are committed to raising their sons, ages 10 and 13, with an understanding of the need for philanthropy and the power of individual efforts. The Gorelicks plan to involve their children in the grant decisions of their fund, along with encouraging the boys to contribute their own time and energy.
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Community Housing Land Trust

The Community Housing Land Trust, LLC was established on April 4, 2018. Land given to the Housing Land Trust will be used to provide affordable and workforce housing for Northern Nevada communities. In the Community Housing Land Trust model, the Trust holds the land in a permanent land-lease arrangement to develop housing for sale or lease to qualified low-income residents, with the improvements either owned by the qualified low-income residents, or other non-profit housing corporations that also manage the property. The Community Housing Land Trust is a wholly owned, single-member LLC of the Community Foundation of Western Nevada and is governed by our Board of Trustees.

The first property given to the Community Housing Land Trust was a 4-acre parcel donated by the City of Reno for the Village on Sage Street (see story on pg 3).

“I hope the Village on Sage Street will underscore the opportunity to make a difference. This will be the proof that it can happen and that a good project can sustain itself.”

—Bill Thomas, Interim Reno City Manager

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Our donors respond to community needs with open hearts and wallets. Following the devastating Lamoille Canyon Range Fire on September 30, 2018, many donors contributed to the Camp Lamoille Recovery Fund to support rebuilding the historic Elko Lions Club Camp Lamoille.
Legacy Society—Providing the Gifts of a Lifetime

With an eye to the future prosperity of their community, Legacy Society members have made the Community Foundation part of their will or trust, helping to ensure positive and lasting change in Northern Nevada is possible well into the future.

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Legacy Society Profile

Keith and Sunny Mentzer Gift of Property Creates Scholarship to Help Former Foster Children

Keith and Sunny were a frugal, hardworking, compassionate couple who laid down roots in Northern Nevada in the ‘70s. Keith was raised on a farm with 11 siblings in Kansas and served in the Pacific during World War II before moving to the area. He bought a parcel of land in Sparks near the Truckee River, and with his brother Don, started Mentzer Detroit Diesel.

Sunny (Edith Roberta Page) met Keith in 1972 while she was working at Harold’s Club, and they soon married. The two were very engaged in the community, where they lived and built a successful business serving Nevada and Northern California. Sunny was a founder and active supporter of the Sparks Museum, and the two supported Children’s Behavioral Services and Special Olympics. In 1982, the brothers sold the dealership, but Keith and Sunny kept the land as an income-generating investment. Sunny passed away in 2013, followed by Keith in 2015.

Sunny and Keith included a gift of their Sparks income property in their trust to the Community Foundation, which was used to set up the Foster Children Education Scholarship. Funds support high school graduates who are, or have been, in foster care in the state of Nevada and have never been adopted. The scholarship can be used for college, university, vocational or other specialized training. The fund’s first scholarship was awarded in 2018 to a TMCC student majoring in Criminal Justice. She is a working mom of two sons who understands what it is like to grow up without a family to rely on and wants to help guide teens when they are most vulnerable and protect the rights of children as a probation officer.
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The beautiful and much expanded Veterans Guest House provides United States military service veterans and their families temporary overnight accommodations when receiving treatment at a medical facility in the Reno–Sparks area. With welcome neighborliness, guests find a comforting smile, a place to rest, and a perfect respite in a hard time.

Ashely Alas Sandoval is a graduate of Spring Creek High School and a 2018 recipient of the Gordon Lymbery PhD Memorial Scholarship. Lymbery was a scientist who chose to leave a lasting legacy to his beloved community.
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Rust develops close relationships with her clients in order to guide them well in their financial planning. “The relationship with me is more about trust than investment returns,” Rust explains. “We typically discuss charitable goals and philanthropic values after several meetings. It is more than one conversation—lots of planning and long conversations. I like to learn about a client’s children, grandchildren, even pets, and what charities they support. I would feel uncomfortable talking about charitable goals until we really know each other. Everybody has something that has touched them.”

When Rust discusses philanthropy with her clients, she talks about her personal giving as a testimony to the happiness it can bring and the good it can create. One of six children raised by a single mom, she owes a great debt to the Shriners Hospital. Now that she is able to pay it forward, she is happy to do so through her Community Foundation Legacy fund, which designates part of her estate to help the Shriners extend care to more children. She asks clients who are new to philanthropy to start small and see how giving makes them feel.

Rust knows it takes more than money to build a community. She is a Board Member for Feeding Pets of the Homeless and is deeply inspired by the cases that are read and discussed before each Board meeting. The discussion reminds everyone why they are giving their time, expertise and money to the organization.

The Community Foundation is a valued resource for Professional Advisors because we are able to tailor their clients’ philanthropy to meet individual goals. Gifts of property, securities, and business interests may be made at financially beneficial times, and clients can enjoy recommending grants for years. Giving to the Community Endowment is a wonderful way to help the community now, and in the future, without having to choose one worthy cause or organization.

We are grateful to Jennifer Rust for her willingness to share her giving experiences and to talk about the profound impact philanthropy can have.
Corporate Philanthropy Partners—Leading by Example

Regional corporations have a unique responsibility and opportunity to build a strong community. The Community Foundation helps corporations find effective ways to provide support that is meaningful to them, that positively impacts the community and is a win-win for everyone.

Thanks to our Corporate Philanthropy Partners, the Community Foundation has been able to tackle community issues with a focus on action and results. Membership fees from Corporate Philanthropy Partners support the Community Foundation and help further the impact of our community engagement work.
In a growing trend, our donors contributed $4 million in property to the Community Foundation. These valuable contributions funded scholarships, the Community Endowment, and donor advised funds that are helping our visionary donors achieve their charitable goals.

### Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

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<td>Funds held for others</td>
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### Consolidated Statement of Activities

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| Change in Net Assets                       | (1,679,577)| 12,276,232 |

| Net Assets at Beginning of Year, as Restated | 87,943,481 | 75,667,249 |
| Net Assets at End of Year                  | $86,263,904| $87,943,481 |
Total Assets

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Assets by Fund Class

- Donor Advised: 43% ($46,219,000)
- Designated: 25% ($26,612,000)
- Endowments: 6% ($6,654,000)
- Funds Held for Others: 8% ($8,123,000)
- Supporting Organizations: 7% ($7,407,000)
- Scholarships: 11% ($11,294,000)
- Field of Interest: 0% ($372,000)

Grants by program area

- Education: 25% ($2,979,000)
- Arts and Culture: 25% ($2,883,000)
- Religions Institutions: 13% ($1,521,000)
- Environment and Animals: 13% ($1,475,000)
- Other: 9% ($1,063,000)
- Human Services: 5% ($599,000)
- Community Development: 2% ($200,000)
- Children and Family: 9% ($797,000)

Total: $11,758,000

*Rounded to 1000
Gifts Received

Grants Awarded
Get Involved

Campaign for Our Community—A Fund for Good. Forever.

The Community Foundation established the Community Endowment to provide a reliable, long-term source of philanthropic support for Northern Nevada. Now, the entire community has the opportunity to contribute to this Endowment and the long-term vitality of our community through the Campaign for Our Community.

The Campaign for Our Community launched in 2018 to build a sustainable Community Endowment. By grouping charitable gifts from individuals throughout the community, these collective funds can be invested in the market with the annual yield used to fund important initiatives. Over time, these gifts and the earnings they generate will grow into a deep and continuous resource that can help meet community needs. These gifts will make it possible to help our community in times of crisis and to address entrenched problems that take time and money to change. With this resource in place, we will be able to invest in thoughtful solutions to a variety of community challenges, ensuring the strength and vibrancy of the place we call home.

While we cannot anticipate every challenge our community will face, we can provide a resource to help tackle challenges long into the future—with your help.

CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

Our leadership team is comprised of your friends, neighbors and colleagues. They are giving their time, resources and expertise to create a never-ending legacy of good for Northern Nevada. All of us are asking you to join us.

If you know any of these leaders, ask them why they believe in the Campaign for Our Community.

Co-Chair Jennifer Satre     Kevin Melcher
Co-Chair Jim Webster        Teresa Mentzer
Roger Bergmann              Nettie Oliverio
Bob Cashell                 Robyn Powers
Nancy Cashell               Konner Robison
Nancy Fennell               Beth Schuler
Kelly Glenn                 Norma Webster
Jan Marson                  Ron Zurek
Philanthropy with a Pioneering Spirit

Our community is filled with people who care about the future of Northern Nevada. If you’d like to contribute to positive change right here at home, there are more ways than ever to make a meaningful gift. The Community Foundation specializes in simplifying the conversion of complex assets into charitable contributions so that the giving experience remains as simple as possible for the giver and as impactful as possible for the community. Not only do we accept a broad range of assets that many commercial brokerage funds cannot, we are equally flexible regarding the organizations to which you choose to give.

In 2018, the Community Foundation received several significant gifts of real estate (see the Village on Sage Street, pg 3, and the Mentzer family profile, pg 23). In all cases, we continue to innovate in terms of what kind of assets we can accept and determine ways to convert those gifts to valuable community resources.

GIFTS OF REAL ESTATE

Real estate gifts are varied and may include residential property, apartments, vacation property, mineral rights, undeveloped land, industrial property or farmland.

BENEFITS OF GIVING REAL ESTATE:

• Avoid paying capital gains tax on the sale of real estate.
• Receive a charitable income tax deduction based on the value of the gift.
• The Community Foundation works with generous Realtors. We pay all fees, which are usually partially or wholly donated by the real estate firm.
• Your gift can create an income stream for you, your family or heirs.
• We accept a wide variety of assets and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.
• The impact of your charitable dollars can be multiplied by pooling them with other grants or contributing to Community Foundation initiatives and projects.
• Your gift can be used to create a donor-advised fund for your family and be passed to your children.
• Leave a lasting legacy to the people of your community.

HOW TO MAKE A GIFT OF REAL ESTATE

Real property may be given to the Community Foundation by executing or signing a deed transferring ownership. You may deed part or all of your real property. Your gift will generally be based on the property’s fair market value, which must be established by an independent appraisal.

Keith and Sunny Mentzer’s gift of an income property (see pg 23) made the Foster Children Education Scholarship possible and is enabling Aveleyea Pineda to study Criminal Justice at Truckee Meadows Community College.

“We were impressed by how easy it was to donate real estate.”
—Jeff and Allison Gorelick
Jim Pfrommer—Visionary, Catalyst, Leader, Friend

1954 – 2019

When Jim looked around his community, he saw need, and he saw opportunity. And to the benefit of us all, he chose to address those needs and embrace the opportunities as a leader of the Community Foundation. Jim selflessly and tirelessly devoted his time, energy and considerable resources to the leadership of the Community Foundation Board.

Jim’s ability to connect people and resources was masterful; he wasn’t simply an idea person, he brought resources together to make things happen. His tenacity in finding solutions was impressive. Never did we hear from him, “No, that is not possible.” If he saw a need, he found a solution.

Jim believed that through education, doors were opened for many who wanted to improve their circumstance, and that is why he provided scholarships and believed in the AVID program (a nonprofit that helps schools shift to a more equitable, student-centered approach). He also believed that having a safe place to live is a priority, and that is why he was so passionate about the Village at Sage Street. His passion was contagious, leading to the formation of the Community Housing Land Trust, and taking on the development of the Village on Sage Street. Because of his leadership, we are working on three more properties for development as low-income housing for working families, along with other strategies to develop and preserve affordable housing.

Beyond serving as the sixth board chair of the Community Foundation, Jim made a mark as he challenged the board and staff to take action. He helped us focus our resources on addressing the community’s acute housing shortage and saw things through, digging in when projects became difficult or complicated. With an impressive tolerance for office coffee and deli sandwiches, Jim worked tirelessly with Community Foundation staff and volunteers, as well as Board committees, attending meeting after meeting to determine a successful way forward.

We were all lucky to work alongside someone so committed to public service and charitable giving. Jim Pfrommer made a positive and lasting difference in our corner of the world, and he is deeply missed.

“I was born to a loving family who gave me a safe and beautiful home, sent me to good schools, provided me with many wonderful travel experiences and gave me every opportunity to be successful. All I want is to help others realize their dreams, reach their potential and have a chance for success like I had.”

—Jim Pfrommer