“With the recent upsurge in rentals, the Village on Sage Street is here just in time to help reduce homelessness and human suffering. I see the Village on Sage Street as a model for future projects that will be needed to keep up with the unprecedented population growth in our area.”

— JIM EAGLESMITH, VILLAGE ON SAGE STREET LODGER
Engage, Act, Evaluate — Making a Positive Impact Year After Year

Village on Sage Street
Creating a Bridge to Permanent Housing

160 people moved into the Village to enjoy safe, affordable living space in 2019.

5 people successfully transitioned from the Village to more permanent affordable housing after saving money, increasing income, and building support during their stay.

A safe, affordable hand up
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Each year, we measure our work to enhance the impact we make in the future. Here are some ways we impacted our community in 2019.

- 17% of 2019 lodgers were military veterans.
- 54% of participants improved their strategic planning knowledge.
- 68% of participants improved knowledge of board development and engagement.
- 80% of caregivers said they will be able to better care for a family member after reading the Washoe Caregivers Guidebook.
- 70% of caregivers who visited WashoeCaregivers.org found the resource they sought.
- 80% of nonprofits said the 100% Giving Board Award encouraged their board members to donate.
- 17% of participants plan to list their participation on college applications.
- 14,000 copies of the Washoe Caregivers Guidebook distributed throughout community.
- 170 scholarships were awarded to students to attend 37 different colleges and universities.
- $4,457,381 was contributed to organizations by 1,213 members of 100% Giving Boards at 97 different organizations.
- $32,000 was awarded to six organizations through the Community Fund.
- 999 grants totaling $13,253,000 were distributed.
- 70% of participants now talk more with family about philanthropy.
- 116 engaged residents attended two community conversations.
- The Village received EDAWN’s 2019 President’s Award and the American Planning Association’s Outstanding Community Partner Award.

Nonprofit Academy
Enhancing Executive Directors’ Skills

17 nonprofit executive directors received leadership training.

High School Giving Circle
Engaging Youth in Philanthropy

Students from the Davidson Academy, Bishop Manogue, Reed, Sage Ridge, Wooster, Spanish Springs, Sparks and TMCC High Schools participated.

Caregiver Support Initiative
Connecting Family Caregivers with Resources

79% of participants plan to list their participation on college applications.

Preventing Financial Scams
Educating Residents

The Community Foundation launched the Preventing Financial Scams Initiative by hosting two community conversations in 2019. Residents shared their stories, discussed many forms of financial scams, and identified solutions. Participants determined the Community Foundation’s most valuable role would be educating the community on financial scams.

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- We are now educating community members on how to spot scams, protect personal information and report fraud.
- Our all-volunteer Steering Committee developed a 2020 action plan based on community members’ feedback.
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Ready to respond — 2020 COVID-19 Relief Fund

Acting quickly in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Northern Nevada, the Community Foundation established a charitable relief fund to help address the needs of healthcare professionals in cooperation with the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, and Washoe County. Look for the impact of this fund in next year’s annual report.

Our gratitude to the Community Foundation Corporate Philanthropy Partners who make our community engagement possible.

Learn more about the Community Foundation’s impact at nevadafund.org/impact