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POINTS OF LIGHT *awards*



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LUNCHEON PROGRAM

10.08 GOVERNOR'S 2015

POINTS OF LIGHT *awards*

10:30 - 11:30 am CHECK-IN AND SILENT AUCTION

Take this opportunity to glance through the fabulous silent auction prizes!

11:30 am WELCOME - EMCEE

KEVIN JANISON OF KSNV-3 LAS VEGAS

Presentation of the Colors by Honor Guard

Presentation of the Finalists

11:45 am PROGRAM BEGINS

Amber Martin-Jahn, Executive Director of Nevada Volunteers

Deb Gallo, Chairman of Nevada Volunteers

Dale Erquiaga, Chief Strategy Officer for Governor Brian Sandoval, Keynote Address

Presentation of the 2015 Governor's Points of Light Recipients

1:15 pm ANNOUNCEMENT OF AUCTION WINNERS

1:30 pm CONCLUSION



DEAR FRIENDS,

Thank you for joining us for the 2015 Governor's Points of Light Awards Ceremony Luncheon!

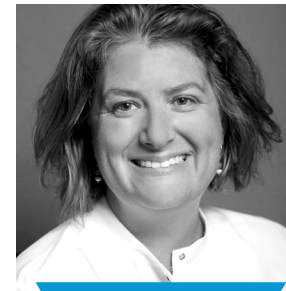
This year we celebrate and honor 21 outstanding Governor's Points of Light Awards finalists. Each of these individuals and organizations demonstrate the power of what can be achieved through the donation of time, talent and treasure. Their dedication and commitment to strengthening Nevada

and their communities through service are a part of what makes Nevada great.

We are deeply honored that you have joined us today to acknowledge both the finalists and the award recipients. While all the finalists are inspiring, only one finalist in each category will walk away today with Nevada's most prestigious volunteer award, the Governor's Points of Light Award. We hope you will join us in sharing not just congratulations, but sincere appreciation to each of these finalists for the positive impact their volunteerism has on Nevada.

We extend our thanks to our community partners and the sponsors of the 2015 Governor's Points of Light Awards. We especially thank MGM International Resorts, Southwest Gas Corporation and CenturyLink for making today possible.

In service to Nevada,



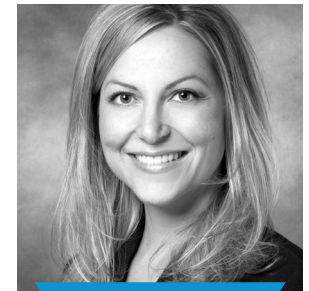
Amber Martin-Jahn

Executive Director



Viviana Dickieson

Event Co-chair



Brianna McCullough

Event Co-chair

“...these Points of Light are the cornerstone of what makes Nevada great... Just as a cornerstone acts as the indispensable first stone, set to strengthen a foundation, Nevada's cornerstone of service strengthens our entire state and the lives of our citizens.”

- Governor Sandoval

POINTS OF LIGHT FINALISTS

CORPORATE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

CenturyLink
Intuit
Nevada Chapter AGC Education Externship

INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER - NORTHERN NEVADA

Jim McClenahan
Malibu Robertson
Bill von Phul

INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER - SOUTHERN NEVADA

Mary Ann Allison
Brian Scroggins
Thomas Taycher

INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER - RURAL NEVADA

Deb Cash
Heidi McFadden
Mariann Summers

NONPROFIT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Adam's Place
Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division Volunteer Programs
Trauma Intervention Program of Northern Nevada

VOLUNTEER MANAGER

Tom Crawford
Lisa Marie-Lightfoot
Jodi Manzella

PROGRAM SERVING VETERANS

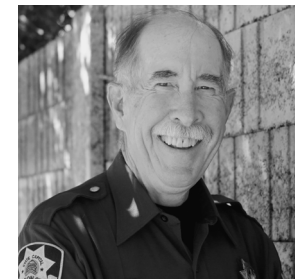
Nevada Military Support Alliance
Team Red, White and Blue
USO Las Vegas

FINALISTS

VOLUNTEER MANAGER

Tom Crawford, as the guiding force behind the Sheriff's Reserve Unit, has recruited a certified reserve officer force of over 150 officers since 2005, many of whom have gone on to become full-time peace officers. The Uniformed Reserve Deputy Sheriff Program is a volunteer organization of individuals who provide the Sheriff's Office with additional law enforcement resources to better serve the citizens of Carson City. Tom built the program from the ground up, beginning with recruiting exceptional volunteers and a focus on safety and training, establishing a POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) certified Reserve Academy. This academy trains recruits with a minimum of 160 hours in Nevada law, defensive tactics, conflict resolution, etc. Tom is also a certified CPR/First Aid Trainer, certifying his own recruits and assuring the safety of staff and community.

The success of Tom's reserve program has resulted in "freeing up officers" who are now assigned to the full-time Special Enforcement Team focused on gang and drug activity in Carson City. Tom's reserve unit is dedicated to community events such as Taste of Downtown, 4th of July carnival and fireworks, CHS Safe Grad and Graduation, Easter Sunday Egg Hunt, Governor's Mansion Halloween event, Christmas Shop with a Hero and Christmas Eve Santa Visits. The dedication of this reserve unit to devote time and attention to special events and the community in general has saved taxpayers thousands of dollars annually and created a safer and better connected community. Under his direction, Tom is encouraging the future generation of law enforcement to train hard, act in good faith, be responsible for each other and be responsible to the community they serve.



Tom Crawford

Carson City

GET INVOLVED HERE'S HOW!

- Anyone across Nevada can search for volunteer opportunities on our website www.nevadavolunteers.org. Search by City or Zip Code. It's easy! It's free!
- As a nonprofit, register to recruit volunteers on our website. It's free. Just click on the registration link

FINALISTS

VOLUNTEER MANAGER

Over the past ten years, as Washoe County School District has been challenged with staff and budget reductions, the Volunteer Services Department under the direction of Lisa-Marie has helped to address low literacy levels with reading tutors, provide tutors to assist students with subject matter proficiency for graduation, address staff shortages, and provide parent trainings, mentor programs and community speakers for enrichment. Since 2001, WCSD has raised the number of volunteers from 3,000 to over 15,000 and increased the number of academic tutors from 300 to 1,500 tutors. Lisa-Marie's all-volunteer Read & Succeed Book Program provides over 125,000 Take-Home books to struggling readers and students identified as not having books in their homes.



Lisa Marie-Lightfoot

Reno

Lisa-Marie serves with dedication and distinction, and has worked diligently to provide a superior and ethical volunteer environment at the Washoe County School District. She sees the big picture and she plans accordingly with her small staff and volunteer team of players. She is one of only a few Volunteer Managers in Northern Nevada with a Certification in Volunteer Administration and was one of the founders of the Volunteer Administrators of Northern Nevada which now has over 125 volunteer manager members. By increasing the capacity of WCSD to engage community members and resources, WCSD is better prepared to meet the future needs of the children.

Junior Achievement fills the academic gap for students by delivering programs that teach key financial concepts to help students better understand the economy and their role in how the economy works. These programs complement the school system's national, state and district level education standards. With more than 300,000 students in the Clark County School District, Jodi and her team of



Jodi Manzella

Las Vegas

volunteer committee members identified a system of delivery to create a positive impact and focus on students who have the greatest need. The system is designed to deliver Junior Achievement programs every year throughout their scholastic progress through elementary, middle and high school. Jodi is responsible for delivering the Southern Nevada Junior Achievement programs through business and community volunteers. Her ability to work closely with the Clark County School District, as well as business and community leaders, resulted in 547 volunteers serving 20,126 students, in 847 kindergarten through 12th grade classrooms. This represents a 28% annual growth in the number of students being served during the school term ending in 2014.

Jodi reports to JA president Michelle Jackson, who comments, "When it comes to recognition and praise, Jodi deflects compliments and gives credit to her team and volunteers." Her passion for JA, her hands-on approach and her ability to influence business leaders to inspire others within their organizations to commit their time and talent have ensured steady growth for JA programs serving students.

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NONPROFIT/COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

In 2008, a group of concerned community members (doctors, social workers, EMT's, schools) were surveyed to determine if there was a long term children's bereavement program in southern Nevada and found there was none. The group decided to move forward to start a program with influence from an established Northern Nevada program called Solace Tree. The Las Vegas program was named Adam's Place in memory of Adam Thomas, the son of the woman who instigated and led the discussion and implementation of the program. The doors were flooded with referrals upon opening and the program quickly had to deal with limited resources. They did so by focusing on the mission: providing peer support groups utilizing art and written expression activities and resources, for children ages 3-18 who have lost a parent or sibling. Volunteers are trained to facilitate groups on the topic of grief developmentally and make a minimum 9 month, 5 hours per month commitment.

Adam's Place became the "go to" resource for such needs as 211 calls and adult survivors of suicide when children are left behind. The Clark County School District also recognized the role and importance, and Adam's Place provided training for the CCSD crisis team. Adam's Place provides a safe, confidential setting with trained volunteers to help children learn, model and reinforce healthy coping skills. Las Vegas was overdue to provide a non-denominational support program for bereaved kids - free of charge and one that children can participate in as long as they find it helpful. Adam's Place is the long term, consistent resource for the child and family.



Adam's Place

Las Vegas

Nevada ADSD Volunteer Programs engaged 211 volunteers statewide who contributed 12,509 hours valued at \$238,296 in 2014. Volunteers serving in the Senior Medicare Patrol inform Medicare beneficiaries on identifying and avoiding Medicare fraud, errors and abuse. In the past year, SMP volunteers reached Medicare beneficiaries in 16 of 17 Nevada counties, educated 13,796 individuals on Medicare scams through 324 outreach events, and responded to direct questions from 2,392 people. The Ombudsmen volunteers have contacted 10,845



Nevada Aging & Disability
Services Division
Volunteer Programs

Statewide

individuals and donated 975 hours to ensure that long-term care residents are treated properly and receive quality care. Special Projects volunteers conducted community outreach on state and federal programs that subsidize Medicare prescription drug costs, informed individuals living with chronic diseases of free self-management education; and promoted services for Alzheimer caregivers.

SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) volunteers educate Medicare Beneficiaries on their healthcare and prescription drug benefit options, reaching a total of 25,638 individuals through outreach at 136 health fairs, presentations and enrollment events. In 2013 and 2014, they tackled the challenges of the underserved Native American population in rural areas and conducted outreach events, making presentations at Elder Centers and clinics in the Yomba, Goshute, Ely, Duckwater, McDermitt, Battle Mountain, South Fork and Lovelock communities. Outreach was also provided through town hall meetings in Winnemucca, Ely, Elko, Battle Mountain, Lovelock, Reno, Verdi, Fernley, Fallon, Carson City, Sparks, Eureka, Dayton and Douglas County. Nevada ADSD volunteers play a key role in providing exceptional assistance through programs that provide for the well-being of older adults and individuals with disabilities in our communities.

The mission of the Trauma Intervention Program of Northern Nevada (TIP) is to provide immediate on-scene emotional and practical support to survivors of tragedy so as to alleviate the acute impact of their personal trauma, thus helping to facilitate their eventual recovery. TIP is a team of specially trained community volunteers who are called by law enforcement, firefighters, paramedics, and other emergency responders to provide crisis intervention 24/7, 365 days a year. TIP volunteers are most often called to singular personal traumas, including sudden death of loved ones (including suicide and infant death), vehicle accidents, house fires, children left alone after the death or injury of a parent, elderly bereavement, missing persons, and crime victims. However, TIP volunteers have also been called to the frontlines of major incidents in our area, including the Sparks Middle School and Renown Medical Campus shootings, the Reno Air Races crash, the Caughlin and Washoe Drive Fires, and most recently, emergency suicide intervention through the Washoe County School District.

Since its inception in late 2009, TIP volunteers have provided support to over 8,000 client survivors and assisted over 5,500 emergency responders. TIP fills the need for immediate crisis support with a service that is non-duplicative of any other public, private, or non-profit agency. Each survivor of a tragic event may react differently, but their kindred need during the aftermath is a quiet presence, a compassionate listener, and gentle guidance through what is often the worst hours of their lives.



Trauma Intervention Program
of Northern Nevada

Reno/Sparks

FINALISTS

INDIVIDUAL - RURAL NEVADA

Dr. Deb Cash has created and maintained the Caregiver Exchange since 2009, a free, evening caregiver support group which provides life-saving assistance to family members who are caring for a seriously ill or disabled spouse, partner, or family member. These full-time caregivers are at risk of becoming physically exhausted, chronically burned out, or significantly depressed and suicidal. The group meets at St. Peter's Episcopal Church twice a month for two hours per session and serves families in the Carson, Minden/Gardnerville and Dayton areas. Dr. Cash has also created a group of peer counselors who are available to provide emergency phone counseling to assist caregivers between meetings and when they are in crisis. Additionally, past caregivers have stayed on to provide information and assistance about end of life planning, grief, and loss support.



Deb Cash

Carson City

The Exchange has formed partnerships with the Alzheimer's Association, Rural Counties RSVP, physicians, elder lawyers and therapists, resulting in approximately 100 caregiver and community partners who help with outreach and share information. Dr. Cash is currently a RSVP Field Representative in a new program, Caregiver VIP, where she provides training, outreach, and collaboration with the rural RSVP volunteers in Elko, White Pine, Humboldt, Lyon, Carson City, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye and Storey Counties. Dr. Cash has been able to combine her expertise, skills, and dedication to make a difference for new and long-time caregivers as they manage their caregiving role and responsibilities.

WANT TO INCREASE YOUR MOTIVATION AND SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT?

VOLUNTEER!

Fundamentally, volunteering is about freely giving your time, energy and skills. Sometimes we don't have choices in life, but as a volunteer, you have chosen to act on your desire and enthusiasm to help - which is why most volunteers express a sense of achievement and motivation. No one person can solve all the world's problems, but what you can do is make your little corner of the world just a little bit better.



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INDIVIDUAL - RURAL NEVADA

Heidi McFadden is a serial volunteer. She is currently volunteering as the Treasurer of the Carson High Football boosters, past president for the Sierra Nevada Association of Realtors (SNAR), Community Service Chair for SNAR, on the Government Affairs Committee for SNAR, and the chair of the Cancer Sucks 5K. She co-founded the Pink Totties, which was a group of local women who formed a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization to support the Susan G. Komen Foundation and the breast cancer cause in general. Their events have brought dozens of volunteers from the community, including starting the Cancer Sucks 5K to generate awareness, generate funds to donate, and recognize survivors. Five hundred runners have turned out for these events. During the five years she ran the Pink Totties she raised over \$80,000 to donate to the breast cancer causes.



Heidi McFadden

Carson City

As Pink Totties wound down, Heidi took the event to the Sierra Nevada Association of Realtors in an effort to expand the impact of the event through the use of their staff and members. The funds are now being used primarily for hospital cancer treatment needs. In addition to being the mother of two active children, she does this work quietly and without asking for recognition; she just wants to be part of an improving community!

Mariann Summers volunteers as a tutor for the ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada. The expectation for those who choose to volunteer their time in this program is to spend two hours per week teaching adults English. The majority of the students are Hispanic and have never had the opportunity to learn English. Mariann has a background of teaching ESL at Stanford and upon her retirement chose to join this program. She began in May of 2013 with four Hispanic students and recently added a fifth student who is from China. Mariann has been spending 41.5 hours per month with her students and driving 98



Mariann Summers

Gardnerville

miles per month, meeting with them in a classroom in an administrative building of a local church.

In addition to the teaching materials provided by the program, she spends additional time preparing and adding from her own resource materials in order to enhance her student's learning. She continually brags about her students and their dedication and exhibits great humility when commended for her dedication. Currently, the program has a waiting list of 446 students wanting to learn English in the five northern counties served; Carson, Douglas, Lyon, Churchill and Washoe. There are 138 current tutors and 476 current students. Of those, 157 have become U.S. citizens. It is people like Mariann who make this possible.

“VOLUNTEERS ARE NOT PAID – NOT BECAUSE THEY ARE WORTHLESS BUT BECAUSE THEY ARE PRICELESS.”

Volunteers Reaching Nevada

Congratulations To This Year's Nominees!

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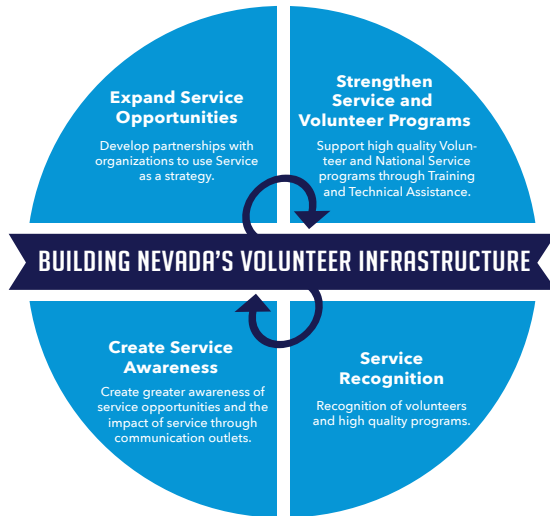
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ABOUT NEVADA VOLUNTEERS

Nevada Volunteers works to address critical community needs through service and volunteerism. As the Governor's Commission on Service we actively engage individuals, organizations and businesses to help shape a culture of service and citizenship throughout Nevada. Our initiatives, as shown on the right, focus on national service and volunteerism in 4 key areas.



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- ▶ Learn more about building your organization's capacity through volunteer or national service
- ▶ Build a more effective volunteer program by attending one of our training events
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- ▶ Connect with other volunteer managers for support and learning opportunities through our statewide listserve
- ▶ Recognize your volunteers and volunteer programs by participating in the Governor's Volunteer Recognition Certificate, or the Governor's Points of Light Awards

MUST-KNOWS ABOUT NEVADA VOLUNTEERS

- ▶ Since the inception of Nevada Volunteers and AmeriCorps, 20 years ago, 4,000 AmeriCorps members have served over 4.8 million hours in Nevada, earning \$10 million in education awards.
- ▶ Nevada Volunteers funded AmeriCorps State members have recruited an additional 66,682 volunteers donating more than 750,715 hours of community service—a value of \$14,301,120 since 1999.
- ▶ More than 500 nonprofits are registered on Nevada Volunteers' statewide web-based volunteer matching system which helps Nevadans find meaningful volunteer opportunities.
- ▶ Nevada Volunteers provides linkages among 350 volunteer coordinators for professional development, resources and information sharing.

THE JUDGING PROCESS

Governor's Points of Light Awards Judging

The Governor's Points of Light Award is Nevada's most prestigious volunteer award. It seems only fitting that Nevada's most prestigious volunteer award be judged by volunteers.

Individuals are selected to judge who fit the following criteria: geographic distribution, nonprofit, government and corporate representation and the perspectives of volunteers and volunteer managers. Judges who have a conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest, with any of the nominees are required to recuse themselves from judging that nominee

Each of the finalist's volunteer efforts and contributions were noticed by his or her peers who chose to submit a nomination. Each of these individuals showed outstanding achievement in voluntary service, addressing an unmet need, using an innovative or unique approach and mobilizing volunteers. Each of these individual finalists show what it means to be an active Nevadan, serving our state, our community and our fellow Nevadans.

The Governor's Points of Light judges were left with no small task for this extraordinary group of individuals. Thank you to our volunteer judges for their considerable time and effort. Thank you to their respective organizations that provided them the time to complete this volunteer project.

Stacy Woodbury
Nevada Volunteers Commissioner
and Judging chair

Deanna Ackerman
Advanced Development Executives

Ann Barron
Senior Center of Boulder City

Carol Cizauskas
Charter College

Roxanne DeCarlo
The Empowerment Center

Vanessa Dixon
SHIP Volunteer and 2014 Governor's
Points of Light Finalist

Adriana Fralick
Carson City District Attorney's Office

Christina Lodge
Lend a Hand of Boulder and 2014 Governor's
Points of Light Award Recipient

Kayla Ortiz
Crisis Call Center

Lindsey Panton
Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful

Dustin Rains
Sierra Nevada Job Corps and 2013 Governor's
Points of Light Award Recipient

Eric Zawid
Caesar's Entertainment and 2014 Governor's
Points of Light Finalist

FINALISTS

CORPORATE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

CenturyLink volunteers for organizations that continuously work to meet the needs of people who struggle in our community. These organizations include: United Way - Annual Employee Giving Campaign, Three Square - Annual Food Drive, Down Syndrome of Southern Nevada, Help of Southern Nevada, Opportunity Village, Red Cross, Ronald McDonald House Charities of LV, Las Vegas Rescue Mission, Animal Foundation, Goodwill/Southern NV Children First, Susan G. Komen Foundation, Clark County School District, Special Olympics, Joy Prom, Spread the World, Boys and Girls Club and JDFR.

In the past 12 months, CenturyLink fundraised a record-breaking 3,038,251 pounds of food and \$322,747.77 for Three Square Food Drive, a Feeding America affiliate serving four counties in Southern Nevada. CenturyLink has also successfully fundraised a record-breaking donation of more than \$100,000 for United Way of Southern Nevada, the largest donation ever made to UWSN, earning CenturyLink's Coordinator the Employee Campaign Coordinator of the Year Award for their efforts.

CenturyLink's Active Community Relations Team is a small but mighty number of 65 employees, approximately 10% of the total number of Nevada employees. Forty-eight employees have logged volunteer hours in the past 12 months and have completed a grand total of 1,010.5 hours, an average of twenty-one volunteer hours per employee. Imagine the possibilities if every business encouraged its members to volunteer and follow CenturyLink's lead.

Intuit was ranked the #1 group in Food Bank of Northern Nevada's (FBNN) Top 12 Groups in Volunteer Hours for 2014 with 746 hours. Members of the Intuit team accomplished this by sorting and packing donated food items in the Food Bank warehouse, distributing food in the mobile pantry sites and supporting food distribution at the senior sites. Their truly amazing achievement involved distributing free meals to children ages 1-18 at a park through FBNN's Summer Food Program where 4,197 breakfasts and 8,951 lunches were served during the summer of 2014. They volunteered each weekday for an 8-week period to serve children in need.



Las Vegas



Reno

Intuit also sponsored the CANstruction event, where canned food is used to create structures which are then displayed and judged by local volunteers. This event brought in 15,764 lbs. of donated canned items valued at \$26,641.16. At the annual "Share Your Christmas Drive-by Food Drive," Intuit drove in with truckloads of donated food items from their internal food drive. Intuit's level of dedication to help feed the hungry has the strong support of its management team. At the recent kick-off for the 2015 Summer Food Program, four directors came to hand out lunches for media day along with Manager Gary White, who oversees the Food Bank volunteer effort. Intuit's management and staff work side by side at the Food Bank warehouse generating a spirit of camaraderie as they donate their time to help feed the hungry in our community.

The Nevada Chapter AGC Educator Externship Program was specifically designed to provide Nevada educators with real-world applications of academic content, bridging the gap between what is being taught and how it is actually used in the real world, specific to construction. The program provides in-depth knowledge of skills required to work in construction, real-life examples of skills being used, and assists teachers in developing lesson plans, applicable curricula with experiences from project management and skilled trades. The program also changes the perception that a construction career is a "consolation prize." The program is free to educators and the Nevada AGC Education Committee coordinated with the Washoe County School District to ensure the program was accredited and teachers earn one CEU required by Nevada law for license renewal.

The program began in 2011 with 4 participants in one summer session and has grown to a summer and spring session, each with over 40 registrants and a waiting list. The program is innovative in that volunteers from the construction industry provide educators with the opportunity to take part in specific classroom and jobsite activities that demonstrate the extensive knowledge of math, science and language arts required to work in the construction/engineering industry. Educators are given contacts and resources to share with their students so they can transition from high school to an apprenticeship program or a management career in construction. You would be hard-pressed to find another industry that has come together to provide a unique educational opportunity that improves teacher training, while simultaneously changing the perception of skills, work ethic, and professionalism required for a variety of careers in construction.



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FINALISTS

INDIVIDUAL - NORTHERN NEVADA

Not many people step up to volunteer to develop budgets or create policy, and then create the means by which people will actively engage in the implementation of such policy. Jim volunteers his skills to do just this. While it's not always easy, fun or appealing, he knows that it needs to be done for the betterment of each of the organizations for which he volunteers, and he does it without hesitation. As a volunteer with St. Albert the Great, he has been President of the Parish Council and is sought out to lead ad-hoc committees or discern direction for the Church. As a volunteer with The Chamber (Reno, Sparks, Northern Nevada) he led two chambers during their merger processes, developed a budget and sought common ground for these two distinct groups of community business leaders. Today, The Chamber is on solid ground, flourishing and far exceeding the committee's expectations of 3 years ago! In addition to his efforts with the Chamber, he sat on the WIN Board and the EDAWN Board volunteering his time there as well.

If that weren't enough, he is leading young students through their business education at UNR and providing organizational support for the TEDx event each year. He's been described as humble, courageous, temperate, prudent, just and with great fortitude. Jim is the volunteer who steps up, addresses the issue and ensures that it is not only completed, but done professionally and with great dignity.



Jim McClenahan

Reno

At only 16 years old, Malibu has shown much poise and grace even when faced with adversity. Her passion for SB504 in Nevada and her willingness to tell her story to anyone who would listen resulted in Hailee's Law, the toughest anti-bullying law in the nation. Malibu lent her face and told her story, creating videos on YouTube and sharing them on over 100 social sites. She told everyone she met about Hailee's Law and what it would mean for the students in Nevada. She encouraged everyone to get involved and

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Malibu Robertson

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INDIVIDUAL - NORTHERN NEVADA

support SB504. Instead of breeding negativity or becoming a statistic, Malibu took all the things that happened to her and used them to breed positivity.

Beyond her passion related to bullying, she spends countless hours in the community serving others. This year she spent time with the Nevada Special Olympics, Relay for Life, Veterans Guest House, Washoe County School District book drives, the Memorial Day ceremonies, San Rafael family kite day and local elementary schools. She acquired over 300 pairs of new shoes and socks at Thanksgiving for the homeless and she now is working on a project for Street Teens to clothe, shoe and feed the Las Vegas homeless teens. Selflessly she offers herself and her smile to any and every organization in Nevada that calls upon her. While other teens may be out shopping at the malls and hanging out with friends, she is spending her time with those in need.

The Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway has grown to nearly 50 miles of completed trail, which originally was expected to be maintained by local governments. During the recession, that idea was dashed, and Bill stepped in and took over the entire job! What does that mean? Bill stepped up each of the past 10 years, bringing his know-how, his tools, and his passion to do most of the maintenance himself. When it became necessary to have a Certified Pesticide Applicator, he volunteered to go through training and receive the required certification, built a water tank and pump and even bought a heavier truck to work on the sections that are not close to any water source.

In addition to maintenance of the Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway trail, Bill "adopted" the trailhead at Ballardini Ranch, when it was purchased by Washoe County to provide an access point to the Carson Range. Washoe County Parks had no budget for maintenance so they were not able to build the trailhead facility without someone committing to maintain it. Bill stepped up and said he would take care of the trailhead for the County. He agreed to provide all the required maintenance so the trailhead could exist, including weekly restroom cleaning. Bill also took on the project of graffiti removal from beautiful granite boulders along the Truckee River, finding that an artistic application of muted earth tone paint was highly effective at covering the blight, far superior to various graffiti removal products. What a difference one man's efforts can make in keeping access to the outdoors intact and usable by the entire community.



Bill von Phul

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FINALISTS

INDIVIDUAL - SOUTHERN NEVADA

Dr. Allison has practiced medicine in Las Vegas since 1993, but her impact on the community extends far beyond the exam room. She is one of the founding members of Comprehensive Cancer Centers of Nevada (CCCN), and she helped establish a local nonprofit for cancer patients and their families. Dr. Allison is actively involved in and leads significant clinical research at CCCN, particularly for breast cancer patients, bringing groundbreaking research to patients right here in Nevada.



Mary Ann Allison

Henderson

Devoted to the overall well-being of patients and the future of healthcare in our community, Dr. Allison is also a co-founder of The Caring Place, a non-profit organization which provides no-cost adjunctive therapies, programs and services to support, educate and empower those who have or have had cancer, their family members, friends, and caregivers. Dr. Allison co-founded this nonprofit with a patient in 2004 who was diagnosed with stage IV breast cancer and found herself in need of greater support services. Together, they created this nonprofit to provide comfort and support to cancer patients and their caregivers to encourage long term healing, both emotionally and physically. All the services are provided free of charge by volunteer therapists. Dr. Allison has a reputation as one of the biggest advocates for breast cancer support, treatment and research in Southern Nevada, and continues to make an impact through her work as a physician, through her legacy of The Caring Place, and through her volunteer work.

In 2011, Brian Scroggins helped develop a weekly, church based, "Employment Networking Night" which has continued each week. For the last four years Brian has assisted individuals in developing job skills as well as employment placement. Along with a team of volunteers, Brian set up the Cultural Hall at the church building, set up sign-in stations and welcomed those seeking employment. Attendees are not limited to church members and include anyone in the community



Brian Scroggins

Las Vegas

who is seeking to gain employment. There are usually 60-100 non-job-seeking attendees (in addition to those seeking jobs) who attend to help bring fresh job leads to those who are seeking employment.

Brian conducts the meetings and is organized and focused on helping individuals. As emcee, he brings job seekers up front to give a short, one-minute presentation on their current situation, educational/training background and what type of employment they are seeking. The "Employment Network Night" now brings a group of 16-18 congregation volunteers along with 60-80 non-job-seeking volunteers together on a weekly basis. Volunteers and attendees come from the area in Las Vegas south of Spring Mountain Road to the California state line and west to Pahrump, Nevada. Although there are many employment agencies and programs available, this program focuses on bringing the job leads and volunteers into the community setting and adds a personal touch that is often missing on internet job sites.

Thomas Taycher truly lends new meaning to "leveling the playing field." His involvement with Challenger Little League of Southern Nevada has provided players with disabilities, who were once relegated to the sidelines, a chance to enjoy America's favorite pastime. The program helps remove stigma, giving each and every player an opportunity to experience the game of baseball, fresh air and exercise, friendship and teamwork. Tom began his involvement with Challenger Little League of Southern Nevada in 1991 serving as Director with a task force headquartered at Nevada PEP, the statewide parent training and information center. He has devoted hundreds of hours of volunteer time, growing Challenger from 40 kids and four teams to as many as fourteen teams per season.



Thomas Taycher

Las Vegas

He played an integral role in the evolution of the playing facility in central Las Vegas, making certain that the Justice Myron Leavitt Family Park accommodated players with special needs. Tom made sure that today's dugouts are equipped with a misting system and are approved by the American Disability Association. A skinned infield allows for easy movements for players in wheelchairs. The inspiration for much of his involvement is his son, who was born with multiple disabilities and is today an assistant coach with Tom in Challenger. Tom brings so much needed hope and optimism to not just the players but to the family members and friends who all come out to support Challenger. Challenger baseball is enjoyed by all and because of Tom, will continue to enrich the lives of children with disabilities in Nevada.

FINALISTS

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM SERVING VETERANS

The Nevada Military Support Alliance (NMSA), founded as the Nevada Patriots Fund in 2003, was originally established to provide immediate death benefits of approximately \$12,000 to the families of Nevada's fallen so they could meet their immediate needs during difficult times. In 2009, the Fund changed its name to the Nevada Military Support Alliance, and became a 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to its mission of "organizing and promoting the recognition and support of Nevada's Men and Women of our Armed Forces, Veterans and their Families." With this broader mission, the NMSA has built or participated in the building of numerous homes for catastrophically wounded veterans, provided \$300,000 to construct the NMSA Student Veterans Center at UNR, \$300,000 for student veteran activities at TMCC and most recently it raised \$3 million in matching funds for the construction of a Fisher House on the VA Medical Center campus in Las Vegas. NMSA fills a key service gap for veterans by mobilizing private philanthropy to meet enormous personal needs.



Nevada Military Support Alliance

Statewide

Team Red, White and Blue seeks to enrich America's veterans through physical and social activities within local communities. Team RWB's membership is open to all, veterans and civilians alike. Eagle Nation currently numbers over 82,000 in 176 different locations around the globe. Through a generous partnership with Nike, every one of the new Veteran Eagles are provided with the unique Team RWB athletic jersey. Each of the locations is organized and led by volunteers who are required to conduct various weekly workouts, a monthly social event and a monthly group athletic event. At the enterprise and regional level, numerous Leadership and Athletic Camps are hosted in various athletic disciplines,



Team Red, White and Blue

Las Vegas

including triathlon, rock climbing, yoga, functional fitness, surfing, running and cycling to name a few. At these camps, Eagles are treated to talks and training sessions led by world-class athletes and coaches, in addition to the highest caliber of leadership skills training. At every level, the Team RWB model is successful due to the unique personal one-on-one interactions the members have with each other and with other members of the Veteran Space.

Through their volunteers, USO Las Vegas is able to increase the overall health and quality of life of service members' families in the Las Vegas community by offering a number of core programs to support their various needs, including the Serving Heroes Family Dinners, where USO provides a free, hearty meal, toys, and family-care packages twice a month to families at Nellis and Creech Air Force Bases, a Freedom Friday Concert Series; where every other month USO brings morale-boosting bands, comedians and other Las Vegas headliners out to Nellis and Creech for live shows and free food for our troops and their families; and a Night at the Movies, where once a quarter, USO Las Vegas offers two showings of blockbuster movies to local military families while also providing snacks and popcorn. Their support, man hours and dedication allowed USO to provide "a home away from home" and a sense of community for the 32,245 active duty troops, 4,760 National Guard personnel, Reservists, and their families based in Southern Nevada. USO Las Vegas was honored as the 2013 and 2014 Top USO Center Worldwide with highest overall scores in satisfaction, value, staff helpfulness, friendliness and knowledge, a true dedication to the volunteers.



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something. Then I realized, I am somebody.
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WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE. ”

- Winston Churchill



