



# Community Chest, Inc.

**A Center for Resources . . . A Catalyst for Change**

## The Community Center Dream Keeps Growing!

### Storey County Youth and Community Resource Center Truly a Reality with the Opening of HAWC

In November, the community health clinic, Health Access Washoe County (HAWC), opened their new doors for primary health care services at the Storey County Youth and Community Resource Center. HAWC provides medical, laboratory and dispensary services at low cost or on a sliding scale Monday through Friday. A certified Physician Assistant, Regina Pedersen, is the primary provider. Dr. Dan Ahearn, the Executive Director for HAWC said at the grand opening of the clinic that HAWC hopes to provide routine dental care in the future as well. Commissioner Kershaw said that 15 years ago it was hard to believe a Community Center could be

## Our Mission

To act as a catalyst for change and a center for resources to help people help themselves, as together we build strong and healthy families and communities.

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constructed. "This center is a realization for the whole community, with a myriad of services available without having to go off the hill. I'm going to Washington D.C. soon, and I'm going to try to get more money for this facility. Thank you so much to Shaun and Deborah Loesch-Griffin for making this happen!"

HAWC is a tenant of the new community center with a space constructed especially for them to serve the health care needs of Storey and Lyon residents. To schedule an appointment, call 284-3570 or 329-6300.

Prior to HAWC opening its doors, the Community Center was used for youth activities all summer. The kids loved having a space of their own next to the park and the pool. Now, non-profit organizations such as University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (4-H), Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts will have offices upstairs to better serve the youth and families of Storey County.

## Buy a Brick!

CCI has a new fundraiser going on. Buy a Brick! Buying a brick is an opportunity for individuals, families, businesses or organizations to help fund the next phase of the community center while being recognized or recognizing a special individual or group. What a great birthday, anniversary or other special occasion present for someone – their name and special thought on a brick at the Storey County Youth and Community Resource Center. Your purchase of a brick helps build better lives for the people of Storey County. Bricks cost \$200. **Contact Darren McKay at 847-9311 X 108 for more information.**

**Rachelle Pellissier**, Director of ReStart was the lucky winner of the drawing for one of the donation bricks for the Community Center at the grand opening of HAWC. Congratulations Rachelle!

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**Our Outstanding Staff Member  
Tamara Burnet – Comstock Youth  
Works Director**



Tamara has lived and worked in the Storey and Lyon County areas for 33 years. Her interests and passions have included the Silver City Advisory Board, Dayton and Silver City Fire Departments, Silver City Task Force and Teens in Recovery. She is a board member of the Healthy Communities Coalition of Lyon & Storey County, and serves on many sub-committees that focus on the overall betterment of the Dayton and

Silver City community. She has been a Realtor in the area for 22 years and has witnessed tremendous growth and the need for services to accommodate such growth.

Tamara's work at Community Chest Inc. (CCI) is facilitating the Comstock In School & Out of School YouthWorks Program. The programs consist of individualized academic instruction, employment skills training, peer coaching, employer supervision and mentoring. Tamara also leads entrepreneurial ventures and learning circles to address the inequities youth have faced. These gatherings provide youth a constructive forum for them to establish action plans and move on up in life.

Darren McKay says, "I am lucky to share an office with Tamara. She brings an incredible amount of life experience to her work at Community



Chest. Tamara tells is like it is and is quick to crack a joke. She has made an incredible difference in countless lives both adults and youth. Tamara has recently become a grandma to twin boys and has a glow of excitement about her that is hard to match."

Erik Schoen, Community Development Director at CCI offers, "What I really like about her is that she has really taken the ISY and OSY programs to new levels with each successive year. She takes her works seriously and tries to find new ways of developing life-changing learning opportunities for all of her students. Additionally, she is team-player in the best sense of the term, willingly helping with collective CCI projects such as the "A Night to Imagine" benefit and "Social Justice Superhero" award."

All of us at Community Chest, Inc. appreciate Tamara's wonderful commitment to improving the lives of youth and their families. Life is better for many because of Tamara.

## New Staff Here to Serve

Welcome to **Adrienne Sutherland**, CCI's new counselor. Adrienne did her undergraduate work in anthropology and received her Masters Degree in Counseling and Educational Psychology from UNR in 2010. She offers counseling services to youth, teens and adults. Her passion is drug and alcohol counseling. Adrienne is a licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor. She was a counselor at Willow Springs, a residential center in Reno for children and adolescents with addictions. She also counsels youth and families with addicted loved ones. Adrienne is available Monday through Friday and fees are based on a sliding scale.

Shaun Griffin, director of CCI, sends her a special welcome as she begins her new career at CCI. She will make a great compliment to Rich Shannon and Erik Schoen, our counseling team.

CCI staff and board are glad she is a member of the Community Chest family.

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## Thank you to GRADEX Construction



Our deepest thanks to GRADEX Construction for their recent paving of the Community Chest parking lot. Despite the unseasonably warm

weather the snow will return and when it does CCI employees will be able to use the lot to park their cars. In the past, particularly after heavy snows, the lot was off-limits for upwards of a week. We are most grateful to the many people who made this gift possible: Nathan Roach, president, and Anthony Evans, foreman of GRADEX Construction and Mark Glenn, owner of Industrial Properties of Nevada. As with so many donors, we could not do our work without their invaluable support.

From all of us at CCI, thank you for making our parking lot accessible throughout the year.

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