



Community Chest, Inc.

A Center for Resources . . . A Catalyst for Change

Much Needed Funding Becomes a Reality!

Community Chest Inc. received a grant from Wal-Mart for \$30,500 to support the food closets/banks in Dayton, Silver Springs, Mark Twain, Lockwood, and Virginia City. All monies must be spent on the purchase and/or acquisition of foodstuffs. It is anticipated that this is enough money to ensure that these food closets/banks are able to meet the needs of their respective constituents for at least one year, hopefully longer. The food bank(s) in Dayton and Silver Springs, in particular are running on fumes so this will have an immediate impact for the better. We thank Wal-Mart for their generous funding and look forward to meeting the needs of those suffering from food insecurity in our communities.

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER [Rural and Urban](#)
7 [Nevada Social Justice](#)
[Institute](#)
9am-12pm





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.



Summer Program in Full Swing

It's record registration for the CCI Summer Program. The goal was to have 50% of the Hugh Gallagher Elementary School attend and we reached that goal with 67 children participating in the 10 week long program. It's being called a Summer Extravaganza with the theme "The New Things We Will Learn." Children participating in the program each week have a full schedule of fun learning opportunities. Each week has a different theme allowing the children to explore all sorts of activities. On Fridays, the students are treated to a field trip. Some of the trips scheduled include exploring the UNR Planetarium, Children's Discovery Museum, taking in a Reno Aces Baseball Game, hiking to Mount Rose, spending time on the beach at Lake Tahoe and ending the summer with a BBQ at Miners Park.

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Kenny Goss and his terrific staff make sure that the program runs smooth and all of the children have a great time. Kenny will be leaving CCI at the end of August to pursue his education. We wish Kenny the best of luck in his future endeavors and thank him for his service to CCI. Michael-Ann Lazzarino will be joining the CCI Staff in August to assume Kenny's role. We wish Michael-Ann much luck and look forward to her success at CCI.

The Virginia City Farmers Market is

Back!



With a new and improved online ordering and pick up system you can have fresh produce each week. To place an order visit our website at www.communityharvestnv.net. Orders can be picked up on Thursday afternoons at the Storey County Youth and Community Center. The Farmers Market is offered by Community Chest, Inc. and the Comstock Gardeners and Growers. Support our Region and your health! Eat fresh, stay healthy and buy locally. The majority of the produce is grown in Dayton Valley, Silver Springs and Smith Valley. For more information on this program, please contact Darren McKay at 847-9311.



National Night Out

Turn your porch light on and join your friends and neighbors for Storey County's 2nd Annual National Night Out. National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 from 6-9pm at Miners Park in Virginia City and Louise Peri Park in Lockwood. This is a great chance to network with others in your community while enjoying a nice

summer evening outside.

Social Justice Event

The second annual statewide Rural and Urban Nevada Social Justice Institute will take place at the University of Nevada, Reno on Friday, September 7 from 9 AM to Noon in the Joe Crowley Student Union Ballroom. This event was inspired and is being coordinated by Community Chest.

“With the continuing recession and increasing scarcity of resources, it seemed to us that folks are feeling a bit ‘beat up’ and tired,” said Erik Schoen, Community Chest’s Deputy Director, “In response, we wanted the focus of this year’s conference to be on what people could do to make a positive difference in their neighborhood and communities.” A partial list of organizations that have indicated an interest in participating include the Healthy Communities Coalition, the Human Services Network, and the Northern Nevada International Center.

“I think a lot of folks don’t know what the term ‘social justice’ means and are, therefore, frightened by it,” said Shaun Griffin, executive director of Community Chest, “To us it means equal opportunity for all and, in essence, social justice is about breathing life into the heart of what it means to be a community.”

Building on Community Chest’s and its sister organizations’ long record of experience in engaging in advocacy efforts, the Social Justice Institute will have presenters talking about how they incorporate a social justice perspective into the work they do throughout Nevada. Participants at the conference will hear how each of these presenters and their respective organizations began and sustain the process of mobilizing social change efforts.

The annual Social Justice Superhero Award will also be presented and the winner “unmasked” at this year’s Social Justice Institute. Tickets may be purchased by visiting our website at www.communitychestnevada.net. For students, the price is \$10; for all others, the price is \$50. For more information, please contact Erik or Ashle at 847-9311.

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