



Community Chest, Inc.

A Center for Resources . . . A Catalyst for Change

CCI Spotlight Employee – Kelly Coons, Accountant and Business Manager

She wasn't even looking for a job when a friend of hers told her that Community Chest was looking for someone to help with the bookkeeping. She was on her way home from a 4-H ski trip (one of her many passions) when Michele Watkins of Central Lyon Youth Connections called her and told her CCI was losing their existing bookkeeper and was looking to hire a new accountant and business manager. When Kelly Coons found out that the job was a mere 8 minutes from her home, she decided to see what it was all about. That was last May and she hasn't looked back since.

Upcoming Events

MARCH
30
Night to Imagine
Benefit
5:30-8pm

Our Mission



When Kelly came to CCI, she wasn't sure what to expect. Her background was in public accounting and small business consulting. What she found was a caring organization where there are daily reminders of how a small group of dedicated people can have a positive impact in the community. Kelly says it is refreshing to work at a place where making money isn't the main motivation – helping people is. Of course, Kelly does keep a very sharp eye on the funds coming in and going out for all of the various programs CCI provides. Her dedication and attention to detail provide CCI with the financial management needed to ensure every penny is properly accounted for and available where it is needed.





On the home front, Kelly was born on Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska. Being a child in a military family, Kelly moved around quite a bit growing up. Over the years, she says she has lived in over 30 houses. When she met her wonderful husband, Danny, the moving stopped and she and Danny made their permanent home in northern Nevada. Today, six of her seven children are grown and out of the house. Her youngest is a sophomore in high school. However, most weekends, Kelly says the family gets together for dinner or a round of golf or some skeet shooting, if they're not on a lake boating or out camping somewhere. She loves music and art and spending time with the kids on the Dayton 4-H Ski Team. And if that's not enough, she spends time each week caring for her two "grandpups" and, most importantly, her young granddaughter.

Family is the most important thing to Kelly and you can see it when she talks about her kids, grandchild and husband. She feels fortunate to have landed at CCI where she has extended her family even more. She says she is fortunate in her life and feels grateful that working with CCI gives her an opportunity to give something back to her community. CCI feels the same, too!

CCI New Board Member – Harriet Cummings

The CCI Board of Trustees is pleased to welcome new Board Member, Harriet Cummings. Here's a quick introduction from Harriet...

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.

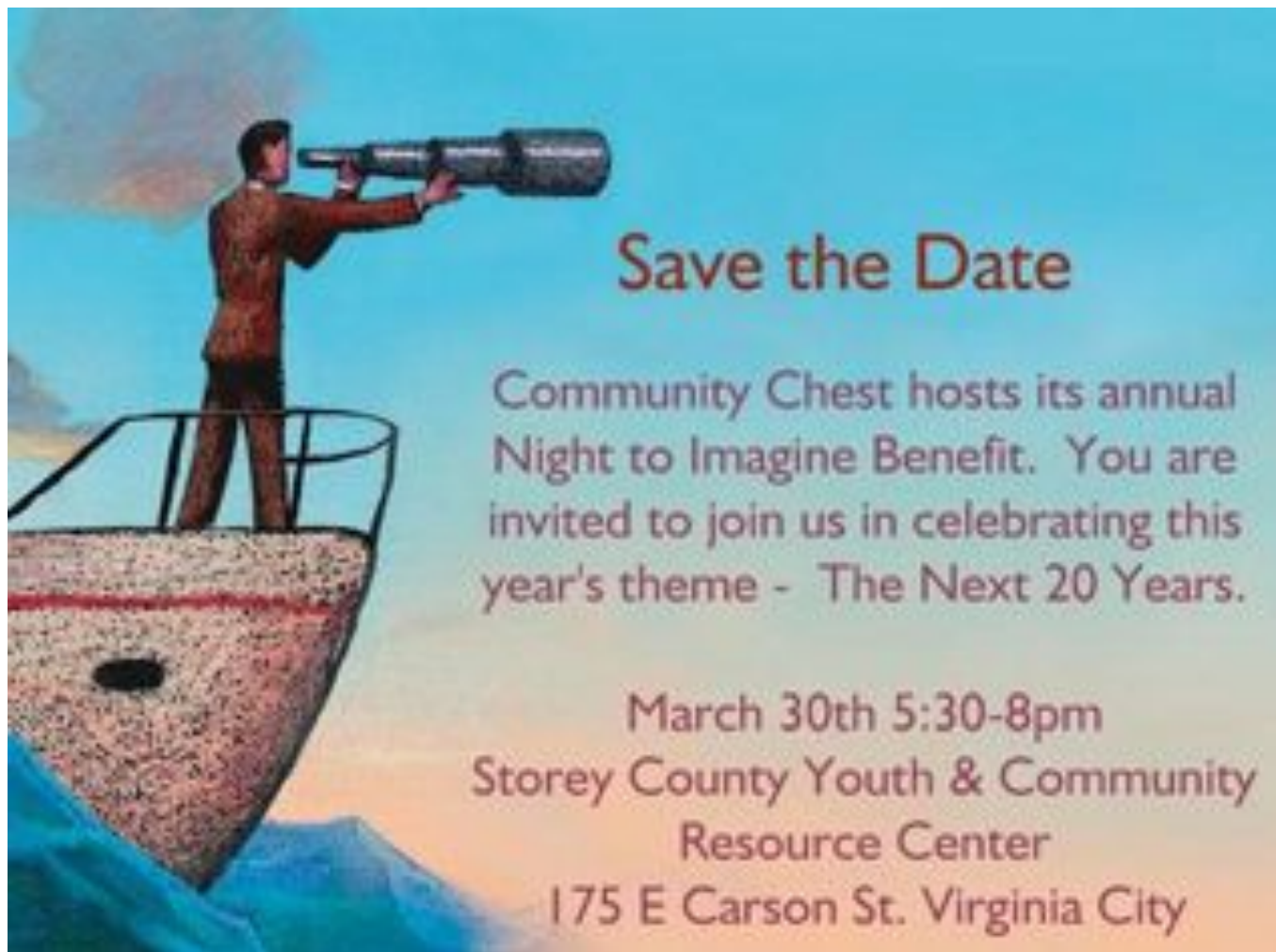
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I am an attorney who has devoted my career to public service, having worked previously to defend the rights of the underprivileged in both civil and criminal matters. I value CCI as an important community resource, serving the needs of the people of northwest Nevada. Being on the CCI board is an opportunity to give back to the community in a meaningful way, by working cooperatively with a diverse group of people toward vital common goals. I share CCI's vision that all people, regardless of circumstance, should be treated with dignity and afforded access to the fundamental necessities of life. CCI's vision—carried out through its numerous youth and community programs—is making a palpable difference in the lives of so many people, in so many different ways, with even more plans for the future. It is because of that forward-looking vitality that I am so excited to be a part of CCI!

March 30th Night to Imagine Benefit

Just a reminder...



Save the Date

Community Chest hosts its annual Night to Imagine Benefit. You are invited to join us in celebrating this year's theme - The Next 20 Years.

March 30th 5:30-8pm
Storey County Youth & Community
Resource Center
175 E Carson St. Virginia City

Join us in celebrating Community Chest. Refreshments and light fare served. To register online, go to <http://www.communitychestnevada.net/benefit.php>. Tickets are \$50.00 each.

We Care Storey County

We Care is in the process of creating a Resource Guide for individuals in our community. If you or your organization provide assistance or resources and would like to be listed in the guide, applications can be picked up at the HAWC office at the Storey County Youth and Community Center, the Sugarloaf Hotel and Market, and at the County Courthouse Bulletin Board.

The Second Storey County National Night Out is scheduled for August 7, 2012. Watch for more information as that date nears.

Thank you to Marilee Miller for working on the effort to get tetherballs, basketballs and other sports equipment for the River District. There will be some very happy children playing with new equipment soon.

We Care is committed to increasing unity and collaboration among service organizations, county schools and government, non-profit organizations, businesses and residents to address issues and priorities of Storey County residents. We Care also strives to increase awareness among the community about issues and priorities that affect residents and specific vulnerable populations (youth, seniors, families in poverty, unemployed) and encourage them to join in community-wide events and strategies to make a difference.

Global Voice

Darren McKay took his first Global Voice trip in 2003. His enthusiasm hasn't diminished a bit. Global Voice is one of CCI's programs that promotes youth leadership and development through cultural exchange and service learning. Using a cascading leadership model where the youngest members (middle and high school) are mentored and guided by the older members (experience GV participants, college students, and young adults), Global Voice works to create politically and socially aware citizens who are active in their local and global communities. Global Voice strives to promote community building, youth leadership, and social justice programs in Northern Nevada. Additionally, Global Voice promotes youth leadership and development through cultural exchange and service-learning opportunities. Check out some of the Global Voice activities at <http://globalvoice2011.blogspot.com>.

Contact Darren at Community Chest at 847-9311 for upcoming service-learning opportunities and how to get involved in Global Voice.

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