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Dear Community Member,

Happy New Year! Thank you so much for taking the time to read CCI's new quarterly newsletter. Our first couple of issues were a success, and the list of people who are interested in CCI's involvement in community happenings keeps growing!

This newsletter is a great way to keep you updated on some of what we've been up to and how our whole community is striving to grow together. As always, please forward this issue to anyone who may be interested by clicking the blue "Forward Email" link at the bottom right of this letter.

Please check our <u>web site</u> for detailed information on our programs and <u>principles</u>, or to <u>donate</u>.

We send many happy wishes for happy, healthy and prosperous 2011!

Community Chest, Inc. Executive Board and Staff

FEATURE STORY- CCI Youth Board Members

Hello Community Members-

My name is Adam Young and I'm one of the Youth Members on the CCI Board. I was brought up through Community Chest's Youth Programs, spending six summers and nearly every afternoon within the outstanding childcare programs offered by CCI. I am now a junior at Virginia City High School and am very honored to be a part of this board and have the opportunity to speak out and address issues facing our unique community.

My name is Corinna Obermayr and I too, have been raised with the help of CCI's incredible youth programs. I am a sophomore at Virginia City High School and it is an amazing privilege to be a youth member on the board. I look forward to bring part of the program that helped me grow to become the person I am today.

World Involvement

CCI has been involved in a project taking place in Managua, Nicaragua. The Northern Nevada International Center bid to work with some non-profit organizations in the country, with the help of Debby and Shaun Griffin. The two worked hard to determine the capabilities and capacities of many organizations; and recommended training for them. It was a difficult and greatly appreciated task that helped 30 non-profit organizations better their own communities.

Treasuring 20 Years of Community Chest

Community Chest Staff and Board Members invite you to join us on Friday, March 25, 2011 for annual CCI Benefit. The event will be held from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at our new Community Center....yes you heard that right OUR NEW COMMUNITY CENTER. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. Sponsorships are also available for \$500.00 and \$1000.00. Food and drinks will be served and live music will be playing.

All funds raised from this event help with the CCI Operating Expenses (which include the Community Center) and the CCI Emergency Fund which helps folks needing emergency assistance in helping to pay rent, utilities, etc.

We look forward to having you join us on Friday, March 25, 2011. For more information, please contact Erik Schoen at 847-9311 or by email at erik@communitychestnevada.net



Global Voice 2011

Global Voice promotes youth leadership and development through cultural exchange and service-learning--a concept where learning takes place through volunteer service projects that benefit communities at home and abroad. The founders (the Griffin family) created the program in 2003 when they performed a cultural exchange with a group of Northern Ireland youth and youth from Lyon and Storey counties. Community projects were targeted around hunger and homelessness as well as religious divisions and beautification projects at two youth centers.

Global Voice has continued this model with yearly trips to locations in Mexico including Ajijic, Teacapan, and Loreto. We have worked with schools, orphanages, and other organizations in practicing the cultural exchange through service model. Future trip locations include Ghana, Guatemala, and Honduras

On Monday, January 3, 2011, members of the Global Voice group traveled to Loreto, Mexico for the annual Global Voice Project. The group spent two weeks in Loreto working to uphold the mission of what Global Voice stands for. Please visit the group's blog to read some very interesting accounts of the trip. The blog can be accessed at

http://globalvoice2011.blogspot.com



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