

# COMMUNITIES NOW IN SCHOOLS

## **Quarterly Newsletter**

December 2013

#### Greetings!

In the midst of the holiday rush, the Board of Directors and staff of Communities in Schools of Nevada would like to take a moment to express our sincere thanks to our growing list of supporters and partner organizations.

We know that many families in Nevada will struggle to make it through the winter, putting children at risk for giving up on school and their dreams. The generosity of our donors and the dedication of our site coordinators and partner organizations will help create solutions for families and students, giving them hope for a brighter new year.

We thank you for your continued support, and share our best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday season for you and your families.

Sincerely,

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Diane Fearon CEO Communities In Schools of Nevada

# Harvest For Hope is a Huge Success

The 3rd Annual Harvest For Hope, held at Cashman Center on November 1st raised \$350,000 for Communities In Schools of Nevada. The restaurants of The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas served delicious dishes to 600 guests, while families enjoyed everything from



Founder Elaine Wynn, CEO Diane Fearon, board members Elizabeth Blau & Kami Dempsey

face painting to a pop-up arcade provided by Insert Coins, and a rousing rendition of The Cupid Shuffle. Fantastic live and silent auction items, including an original work of art created by artist Steven Spann with input from guests throughout the evening, resulted in lively bidding wars and happy guests. Our special thanks to NV Energy, who matched our direct give pledges up to \$25,000.

If you missed out on the fun this year, don't worry. Harvest For Hope will be back next year and we look forward to seeing you there!

# Community Partners Work Together at Chaparral High School



With the help of community supporters and partner organizations, Chaparral High School site coordinators have created an incredible place for CIS students to "shop" whenever they need something. From food to formal wear - it's all here, along with school supplies, backpacks, jeans, shoes, and toiletries. Of course, there is no charge for these necessary items. Those who contributed to this outstanding resource are Chaparral students, parents, teachers, support staff and administrators; Future Smiles, 3D Exhibits, Project 150, Title One Hope and Las Vegas Prom Closet. CIS stocks the pantry with food from Three Square, and in addition to donated clothes, uses Goodwill gift cards to purchase needed clothes for students.

# Realtors Raise Funds for CIS of Northeastern Nevada



The Elko County Association of Realtors raises money to benefit a local organization each year at their annual golf tournament, held this year at Ruby View Golf Course. Communities in Schools of Northeastern Nevada (CIS-NENV) was selected to receive funds raised through the tournament, which resulted in a donation of \$3,500 to CIS-NENV.

# **Elementary Success Story**

The CIS site coordinator from Kit Carson Elementary has been working with a student who had the weakest math skills in her class and was struggling with basic multiplication and division. After several weekly 45 minute sessions of math tutoring with the CIS site coordinator, the student has improved greatly. Her teacher reports that the student can actually do long division now, knows all of her multiplication tables, and that the one-on-one caring relationship the site coordinator has established is making a huge difference in her academic performance. Our site coordinator will continue to work with this student to make sure she is academically ready for middle school.

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## Last Chance to Register for Charity Golf Tournament

Hit the links in support of
Communities In Schools of
Nevada at the First Annual
Sammy Davis Jr. Charity Golf
Tournament at Las Vegas
National Golf Club.
December 2nd is the last day
to register for the mixed
foursome scramble tournament
on Saturday, December 7th. For
details and to register, click here.



## Santa Tea December 14th

Bring the kids and enjoy the best of the season at Simon Restaurant and Lounge from 2-4pm on Saturday, December 14th.

Kids can share their wishlist with Santa himself while having their photo taken, decorate delicious gingerbread cookies, sip hot chocolate and enjoy an array of snacks and treats.

Moms can sip a cranberry mojito and shop for special gifts from Dee Berkley Jewelry.

Join us for a warm and wonderful kickoff to your holidays.

Purchase Tickets



## Shop for the Holidays Online and Support CISN

Register with iGive.com today and shop with over 1300 online retailers that will donate a percentage of your purchase to Communities In Schools of

Retailers like Target, Neiman Marcus, Brookstone, and Amazon, along with everything you can imagine from sweets to hotels to golf gear and jewelry the list goes on and on.

Adding the iGive button to your browser bar instantly identifies participating merchants when you search online.

Spread the word to family and friends to join <u>iGive</u> and select Communities In Schools of Nevada to receive donations when they shop.

## Find Out More About CISN

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