

2011 - 2012 Annual Report



The Reno Rodeo Foundation is committed to enhancing and enriching the lives of Northern Nevada families by aiding children with extraordinary needs, building community partnerships, and providing scholarships to the University of Nevada, Reno.

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2011 - 2012 by the Numbers

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA. RENO SCHOLARSHIPS 20 AT \$2.000

BOB AND KRISTEN TALLMAN SCHOLARSHIP 1 AT \$2.500

SILVER SPUR PRE-VET SCHOLARSHIP 1 AT \$2.500

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA MEDICAL SCHOOL **SCHOLARSHIPS** 2 AT \$2,500

> **COMMUNITY GRANTS** 28

RENO RODEO DENIM DRIVE 1.500 ABUSED/NEGLECTED CHILDREN HAD ACCESS TO NEW CLOTHES ACROSS **13 NORTHERN NEVADA COUNTIES**

V.I.P.S. LIFE AND CAREER COACHING PROGRAM **13 GRADUATES**

RENO RODEO READING ROUNDUP 3,600 BOOKS DISTRIBUTED TO 1,800 FIRST GRADERS AT 25 TITLE ONE SCHOOLS IN WASHOE COUNTY

SPECIAL KIDS' RODEO 120 CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS ENJOYED AN INTERACTIVE RODEO EXPERIENCE

VOLUNTEER HOURS - SPONSORSHIPS - DONATIONS THAT MAKE THIS POSSIBLE TOO MANY TO QUANTIFY

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Letter from the President



Dear Friends of the Reno Rodeo Foundation,

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as the President of the Reno Rodeo Foundation this year. I have been a member of the Foundation's board for over 20 years and have watched it grow tremendously from a small non-profit whose sole purpose was to provide scholarships and grants, to a philanthropic leader in our community which facilitates a variety of programs and services.

This year we added a new program to our repertoire. Thanks to a very special partnership with the Monroe - Schuler Foundation, we launched a Life and Career Coaching program for foster youth who are aging-out of foster care. This unique program was developed in concert with the Washoe County Department of Social Services Independent Living Program to complement existing programs and consists of life-coaching modules and visits to local businesses. The purpose of this program is to help teens explore different career options with the hope that they will have a brighter future. This program is funded entirely by grants and private donations.

Thanks to the continued success of the Reno Rodeo, and the popularity of the Rodeo State Charitable License plates, we also expanded our undergraduate scholarship program and added two graduate scholarships to the University of Nevada School of Medicine. The two young women selected to receive our medical school scholarships are also graduates of rural Nevada high schools.

The Reno Rodeo Denim Drive continues to expand as well. Thanks to our friends at Nevada State Bank, we were able to increase our donations in Rural Nevada over 200% through our "Donate a Dollar for Denim" pocket program. We are providing clothing to youngsters rescued from abusive homes 365 days a year through our Denim Closets and our Foster Family Denim Distribution events.

The Reno Rodeo is so much more than just 10 days of great entertainment each June. We would not be able to do what we do without the support of our sponsors, donors, dedicated volunteers, and, of course, everyone who attends the Reno Rodeo. Your support makes a difference to thousands of children across the state and we can't thank you enough.

Sincerely,

Steven Brown President

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Community Grants

Grants were made to the following community organizations between January 2012 - May 2012.



Bishop Manogue Catholic High School/ **Integrated Learning Center** Boy Scouts of America - Nevada Area Council Camp Lotsafun C*A*R*E* Chest of Northern Nevada Center for Adaptive Riding Eagle Valley Children's Home Food Bank of Northern Nevada Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada HAWC Community Health Center Horses for the Spirit Moms on the Run Nevada Diabetes Association/Camp Buck Nevada Military Support Alliance Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation Iason Eberle Memorial Fund/

Northern Nevada Dental Society Northern Nevada RAVE Family Foundation Reno Fire Department/Muscular Dystrophy Camp **Reno Rodeo Reading Roundup** Sagebrush Community Horse Show Secret Witness High School Program Kids' Free Fishing Day - Sparks Rotary The Solace Tree Veterans' Guest House Washoe County Safe N Sober Foundation Washoe Legal Services/Child Advocacy Program Western Folklife Center Will James Society Literacy Program Women and Children's Center of the Sierra



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Reno Rodeo Parade & Kids' Day

Community organizations that received grants from the Reno Rodeo Foundation were invited to participate in the Reno Rodeo Parade and host a booth with handson activities at Kids' Day - a free family-oriented event held in the Indoor Pavilion on the Rodeo Grounds immediately following the parade on the first Saturday of the Rodeo.



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2011 Reno Rodeo Denim Drive

Gold Sponsors

1 Stop Ranch and Feed A Master Mechanic Advanced Pet Care of Northern Nevada Artisan Stone Gallery Bensen's Feed & Tack Famous Dave's BBO Feline Medical Center Louis' Basque Corner Martin-Ross & Associates Mi Casa Too Mike's Automotive Nevada State Bank Outdoor Toy Store/ Pro Tech RV Services Peerless Cleaners Pinocchio's Bar & Grill Pro 1 Automotive Reno Dodge **Reno Sport and Spine** Sheplers, Inc. Surratt Law Office **Truckee Meadows Electric**

Blue Sponsors

Anytime Fitness Arrow Electric City of Lovelock Custom Aire High Rollin Customs Manpower Mike's Pharmacy Sani Hut Server Technology Silverado Mercantile SimplexGrinnell In 2011, the Reno Rodeo Denim Drive collected new jeans, socks and underwear to benefit abused and neglected children in 13 Northern Nevada counties. We also received record-setting cash donations - 100% of which were used to purchase additional clothing. What's collected in each county stayed in each county. The Reno Rodeo Denim Drive was so successful we were able to facilitate *three* Foster Family Denim Distribution events. One in January, a second in May and a third in August. We were also able to keep our Denim Drive closet at the Kids' Kottage full to provide clothing to infants, children and teens when they arrived at the emergency shelter and when they made the transition to foster care.

Thanks to our partnership with the Washoe County Department of Social Services and the Nevada State Department of Children and Family Services, thousands of survivors of abuse and neglect now have new clothes to call their own.

Platinum Donors ~ \$1,000+

Castaway Trash Hauling, Inc. Dan and Sally Hale Double Diamond Athletic Club Famous Dave's BBQ Howard Weiss IGT Jo Ann Belton - In honor of her grandchildren Michael Lee Nelson Electric Nevada State Bank Customers and Clients Ranson and Norma Webster Reno Rodeo Invitational Team Roping Robert and Linda Clift Scolari's Food & Drug Customers





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Reno Rodeo Denim Drive Highlights







- 100+ collection locations across 13 Northern Nevada Counties
- Hosted a multi-county Denim Rally media event with KOLO 8 News Now, KBUL 98.1 and KOH News Talk 780.
- Donate a Dollar for Denim partnership with Nevada State Bank, Scolari's Food & Drug Company and Sak' N Save Grocery Stores
- Facilitated three Foster Family Denim Distribution Events in January, May and August.
- Implemented a new "Request by Fax/Email" program to expand distribution in rural Nevada.
- Created a new distribution closet at the WC Dept. of Social Services on-site medical clinic for infants and toddlers who are placed in emergency foster homes.
- Over 1,500 infants, children and teens benefitted from the Reno Rodeo Denim Drive
- Counties that participated in 2011: Carson, Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Eureka, Humbold, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Washoe and White Pine.
- What's collected in each county stayed in each county. 100% of every cash donation was used to purchase additional new clothing.



Thank You "Donate a Dollar for Denim" Partners





Thanks to partnerships with Nevada State Bank and Scolari's Food and Drug Company, we were able to expand our "Donate a Dollar for Denim" donation program in 2011. 100% of every donation was used to purchase additional clothing by county.

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

A Reno Rodeo Foundation Scholarship is a \$2,000 scholarship awarded annually for four years to graduates of rural Nevada high schools who attend the University of Nevada, Reno and pursue a degree in Pre-Veterinary Medicine, Pre-Medicine, Agriculture, Business, Education or Nursing. Recipients must have an overall high school GPA of 3.5 and maintain a GPA of 3.0 and take at least 12 credits per semester. Started in 1986, the Reno Rodeo Foundation scholarship program has helped hundreds of students achieve their dreams of earning a college degree.

Fall 2011 **Reno Rodeo Foundation** \$2,000 Scholarship Kathryn Branscombe **Taylor Carpenter** Michael Clark Haley Dressel Natalie Reavy **Kaine Baptist Christina Fagundes Elizabeth Howard** Kallie Kappes William Miller **Dylan Robertson Joshua Hughes** Oliva Avila Hannah Bisiaux **Richard Corn** Vadim Gladwill Brett Schaffner Dru Nelson Sara Phillips Heather Zunino

Robert & Kristen Tallman \$2,500 Scholarship

Skylar Estes

Spring 2012 **Reno Rodeo Foundation** \$2,000 Scholarship Kathryn Branscombe **Taylor Carpenter** Michael Clark Haley Dressel Natalie Reavy **Kaine Baptist Christina Fagundes Elizabeth Howard Kallie Kappes** William Miller Dylan Robertson **Joshua** Hughes Oliva Avila Hannah Bisiaux **Richard** Corn Vadim Gladwill **Brett Schaffner** Dru Nelson Sara Phillips Heather Zunino

Silver Spur Scholarship \$2,500 - Pre-Vet Major Shelby Black

UNR Medical School Scholarships Patricia Kennel

Tessa Schwering-Black



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WE RODEO FOR THE KIDS!

The Reno Rodeo Foundation is proud to support the following programs facilitated by the Reno Rodeo Association that benefit thousands of local children each year.

Special Kids' Rodeo



On Sunday, June 17, 2012, 120 children with special needs participated in the annual Special Kids' Rodeo. From riding (rocking-horse style) bulls, to roping "steers", to riding real horses, the SKR brings the sport of Rodeo alive for children with physical, mental and/ or medical challenges. Participants not only have the opportunity to try rodeo events, they are treated to lunch and they receive tickets to an evening performance of the Reno Rodeo. They also receive a cowboy hat, buckle, t-shirt, bandana and a goodie bag filled with fun prizes. The Reno Rodeo Foundation supports the SKR committee by managing all of the participant logistics.

RENO RODEO WANTS YOU TO READ!





The aim of the Reno Rodeo Association's Reno Rodeo Reading Roundup is to inspire at-risk first grade students in Washoe County to love reading through the gift of books and the magic of interacting with live horses! The RRRR Committee facilitates assemblies at 25 elementary schools each spring. First graders learn about the three R's -Reading, Rodeo and Responsibility. At the conclusion of the assembly, each first grader receives two books, a goody bag, and a voucher to attend the Reno Rodeo. They have the opportunity to pet the horses and, thanks to a partnership with the Bureau of Land Management, meet Smokey Bear. Since this program started in 2001, the Reno Rodeo has distributed 32,200 books. The Reno Rodeo Foundation is proud to help underwrite this wonderful program.



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V.I.P.S. Life and Career Coaching Program

The Vocation - Inspiration -Performance - Success (V.I.P.S.) Life and Career Coaching program is a 10 week/20 session program that consists of ten 2-hour courses which focus on how to choose a career. business etiquette, taxes, money management, insurance and benefits, how to apply for a job/interviewing, and other career-oriented topics. The program also consists of ten 2-hour



visits to businesses that are selected based upon the interests of the participants. During a business visit, program participants interview various employees and tour the business. Throughout the 20 session program, participants build a resource binder and develop business contacts. Participants earn simulated paychecks throughout the experi-



ence and, when they graduate, up to \$1,000 is held in their name until they reach 18. Each 10 week program cycle is limited to 10 participants. This is essential to the effectiveness of our coaching model. This program was developed in partnership with the Monroe-Schuler Foundation.

To received continued support, graduates have the option of joining the V.I.P.S. Alumni group which meets once a month for lunch and quarterly for exciting educational excursions.



The V.I.P.S. Life and Career Coaching program is entirely funded by grants and private donations - primarily the Monroe - Schuler Foundation. Additional support was received from the Washoe County Dept. of Social Services, the Rotary Club of Reno Foundation and the Community Foundation of Western Nevada.



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RODEO STATE CHARITABLE LICENSE PLATE





The Rodeo State Charitable License Plate provides critical funding for the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association and children served by the Reno Rodeo Foundation. Since the plate entered circulation in 1996, over \$1,000,000 has been equally shared with the two benefitting organizations. This plate makes dreams come true for both the next generation of Rodeo athletes in Nevada and thousands of children with extraordinary needs - including dozens of graduates of rural Nevada high schools who are able to attend the University of Nevada, Reno on scholarships underwritten by the Rodeo State plate. Nevada is the Rodeo State! Show your support by selecting this plate for all of your vehicles.

NSHSRA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



The Reno Rodeo Foundation is proud to host the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association Scholarship Fund. The following student athletes received scholarships ranging from \$100 - \$800 to help them achieve their academic goals. The NSHSRA and the individual rodeo clubs raise funds for these academic scholarships which are distributed annually to gualified seniors.

2012 Recipients Sage Del Pommerening Gabriella Bertagnolli Kavla Norcutt Travis Dean Homan Maddison Jaurequito DeeAnna Pasquale **Joshua Winans** Paige Moreda Kelsie Leas Shawnee Enniss Samuel Harper Ethan Gloeckner



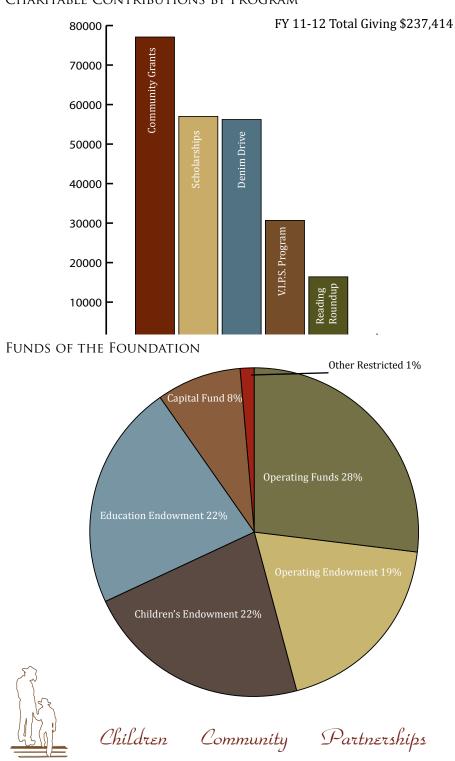
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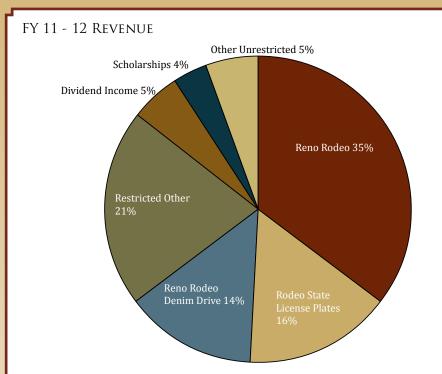


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Partnership Funds

The Reno Rodeo Foundation has formed several strategic partnerships to achieve our mission to aid children with extraordinary needs in Northern Nevada. We are proud to administer the following charitable funds. Donations made to these funds are distributed, in full, on a regular basis, to local non-profit agencies to underwrite programs that benefit children. The Reno Rodeo Foundation provides the administrative support, financial accountability, and donation infrastructure. Working together, we can broaden our reach.

DOUBLE DIAMOND ATHLETIC CLUB CHARITABLE FUND



Nearly \$26,000 has been distributed to Moms on the Run Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation Food Bank of Northern Nevada Reno Rodeo Denim Drive

The first of its kind in the athletic club industry, the Double Diamond Charitable Fund offers members of the Double Diamond Athletic Club the opportunity to designate a monthly charitable gift along with their health-club dues. Double Diamond Athletic Club and its members are committed to improving the quality of life for children with extraordinary needs and the overall health of the community through this fund. Mike Shirley, owner of Double Diamond Athletic Club, is a leader in the athletic club industry and in our community.

Koz's Kids - A Fund in memory of Cheryl Kosewicz



Koz's Kids annual events for the residents of the Kids' Kottage Emergency Shelter: PJ's and Pizza Party Wild Waters Party

In 2007, the Reno Rodeo Foundation was approached by the friends and colleagues of Cheryl Kosewicz (1971-2007) to assist them in forming an organization to honor Cheryl's memory. The mission of Koz's Kids is to assist the children of our community and to ensure that they receive the resources and services required to meet their fundamental needs. Koz's Kids facilitates a variety of activities for the residents of the Kids' Kottage.

> The Reno Rodeo Foundation is always looking to establish new Partnership Funds. To find out more, please contact us at (775) 322-9875.



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SUPPORT THE RODEO STATE LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM

Show your support for the Reno Rodeo Foundation by selecting the "Rodeo State" license plate for all of your vehicles and trailers. The "Rodeo State" license plate generates over \$150,000 in revenue annually. Proceeds are equally distributed to the Reno Rodeo Foundation and the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association.

CREATE A LEGACY WITH THE RENO RODEO FOUNDATION

Whether you're interested in making a charitable contribution now or would like to make a gift as part of your estate, the Reno Rodeo Foundation is an excellent choice.



For 25 years, the Foundation has provided scholarships to the University of Nevada, Reno to assist Nevada high school graduates achieve their dreams. Since 2005, four annual scholarships have been created by individuals just like you who share our passion for opening doors to students from rural Nevada. Whether you are interested in supporting undergraduate students or graduate students, the Reno Rodeo Foundation is an experienced, knowledgeable facilitator for your scholarship.

ATTEND THE RENO RODEO

The Reno Rodeo Foundation is the charitable arm of the Reno Rodeo and a portion of all proceeds from the Wildest, Richest Rodeo in the West benefit the children and families served by the Reno Rodeo Foundation. Your attendance and support of the Reno Rodeo makes a difference to thousands of individuals in our community. www.RenoRodeo.com

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