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## On the Vaccination Frontline

Nevada Health Centers (NVHC) is Nevada's oldest and largest Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Early in the COVID-19 vaccination process, President Biden's administration realized that marginalized groups of people had a much lower rate of vaccination. To remedy that, it looked to 250 FQHCs nationwide to reach those communities.

Upon receiving notice that vaccine would become more readily available to NVHC, plans were quickly implemented to increase vaccine administration. As partners with the Elko County Board of Health, NVHC had already been participating in large events, so we were able to

quickly shift gears at our two additional hub sites—Martin Luther King Family Medical Center in Las Vegas and Sierra Nevada Health Center in Carson City—and offer larger events vaccinating up to 500 individuals.

Additionally, we were able to transition our Nevada Children's Health Project Mobile Medical Unit "Big Blue" to administer vaccines weekly outside our Henderson Medical Center, Eastern Medical and Dental Center, and Las Vegas Outreach Center.



### NVHC staff and volunteers

*Clockwise from top right: Elko County COVID-19 vaccination event with our Elko staff; NCHP "Big Blue" vaccination clinic at LVOC in Las Vegas; vaccination pod event at Sierra Health Center in Carson City; and our most recent vaccination pod at Martin Luther King Health Center in Las Vegas*

# Paying It Forward to Support Community Partners

After receiving a large in-kind donation of dental supplies valued at \$1 million from The Dental Supply Company (TDSC), a division of Henry Schein, the NVHC team paid it forward to support community partners throughout Nevada. Among the supplies received were several hundred boxes of infrared thermometers. Recognizing that thermometers were one of the most in-demand medical devices for mandatory temperature screenings, our foundation team contacted community partners to support their organizations and constituents. In southern Nevada, we organized a limited-contact distribution day at NVHC's Martin Luther King Family Health Center and shared more than 600 infrared thermometers with 30 different community partner organizations, including the Embracing Project, Grant a Gift Autism Foundation, Girls on the Run, HELP of Southern Nevada, Hopelink, the LGBTQ Center of Southern Nevada, Project 150, Shade Tree, and others.

Les Jacobs of Nevada Senior Services, Inc. shared his appreciation, stating that



*Clockwise from top:* Erika Albini and Mayra Arteaga on distribution day at MLK in Las Vegas; Carissa Cassadore receiving thermometers at the Elko Senior Center; Leslie Maple, Sherry Smith, and Amanda Leaman at F.I.S.H. in Elko



Boys and Girls Clubs of Elko, Family Resource Center of Northeastern Nevada, Friends in Service Helping, the Healthy Communities Coalition, Great Basin College Child and Family Center, and the Terrace at Ruby View Senior Center.

the thermometers would help keep the adult day care centers safe for those who depend on the facilities to take care of their loved ones.

In northern and northeastern Nevada, we delivered more than 150 thermometers to community partners, including

Sharing the in-kind gift was a small way to express our gratitude for community partners who are also working to build healthier, happier, and more inclusive Nevada Communities. We cannot thank TDSC and Henry Schein enough for their long-standing commitment to supporting our mission and for this in-kind donation, which has now touched the lives of so many in our communities.

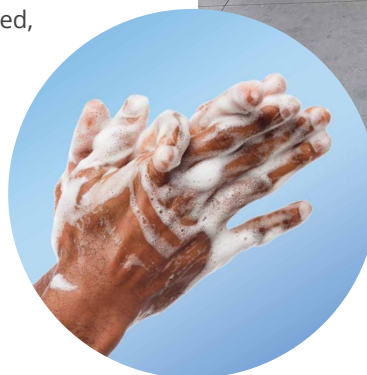
## Collaborating for Clean Hands and Healthy Communities

Access to adequate sanitization infrastructure, including toilets, showers, and handwashing stations, has long been identified as a precursor for personal hygiene and good health. People experiencing homelessness in our state have reduced access to these facilities, and with the pandemic, access to these facilities has been even more challenging.

Clean the World Foundation is a global health organization that provides WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) resources, programs, and education for those affected by poverty, homelessness, and humanitarian or natural crises. Nevada Health Centers' Las Vegas

Outreach Clinic (LVOC) was identified as a host site for handwashing stations.

Angela Ying, WASH stations program coordinator, worked closely with the Salvation Army, who owns the property where LVOC is located, and NVHC staff to set up the stations through June 2021. Thanks to this amazing in-kind donation, we are able to provide our community's homeless population with access to hygiene services in order to help reduce infections and the transmission of COVID-19.





# Welcome Whittley Walker

We are excited to share that Whittley Walker has joined our Nevada Health Centers team as vice president and executive director of the Beverly E. Coleman Foundation. Whittley comes to NVHC with an extensive background in healthcare, marketing, strategic planning, and not-for-profit resource development. She currently holds a master's degree in strategic leadership (MSL) and is working on dual master's degrees in executive business administration (eMBA) and executive health administration and informatics (eMHA). As our foundation's new senior leader, Whittley will be relocating to Nevada in June and will be based at our offices in Carson City.

"It is an honor to join this incredible team that is committed to providing essential healthcare services to those most in need. In the words of the late John Lewis, 'You are light. You are light.' I look forward to connecting with all of our stakeholders, donors, and supporters who continue to be the light for our mission and the patients we serve."



## The Gift of Early Diagnosis

**A breast cancer diagnosis is never easy—but what if it happens in the middle of a pandemic?**

Going to *any* doctor has been challenging since the coronavirus crisis began, but trying to balance cancer diagnosis and treatment with stay-at-home orders, school closures, and job and insurance loss has put women dealing with breast cancer in a uniquely difficult position. It's exactly the situation Mammovan patient Charlow found herself experiencing last fall and why Nevada Health Centers is grateful to have received grant funding from the National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) to provide additional support for patients in need.

"I know that at age 40 you're supposed to get a mammogram, but I just kept pushing it off," said Charlow. "I didn't have insurance and I didn't know there were places that would provide free screenings."

After finding lumps in her breast and at the urging of a close friend, Charlow finally looked into scheduling her overdue screening. She found Nevada Health Centers' Mammovan and made an appointment.

"I was so stressed out about what it was going to cost, but from the time I called until I stepped off the van, it was just a pleasant experience."

NBCF has been a long time partner with NVHC's Mammovan, making it possible for our team to provide no cost

screenings for uninsured and underinsured patients. In December of 2020, NBCF provided additional funding for the purchase of gift cards to support Mammovan patients who recently received a breast cancer diagnosis. The goal of the gift cards was to provide a little extra help with items like groceries, prescription copays, delivery fees, transportation, and childcare.



Following her mammogram, Charlow received a positive diagnosis for breast cancer. She never imagined that would happen but was grateful for the donors like NBCF who support the Mammovan and its patients. For many like Charlow, that kind of extra support made early detection and a positive outcome possible. She recently finished her treatment and is recovering well.

"I'm very grateful to everyone who has donated to this program, and I hope they realize how important this life-saving service is," she added.

## Community Health Centers Improve Lives

Nearly 30 million people—1 in 11 in the US—rely on a community health center for care, including:



Federally Qualified Health Centers, like NVHC, are open to all and offer medical, dental, behavioral health and enabling services. FQHCs are not-for-profit and rely on grants and private donations to provide care for the uninsured and underinsured and to meet the unique needs of the communities they serve. When you support NVHC, you're investing in community health and helping improve quality of life for all Nevadans.

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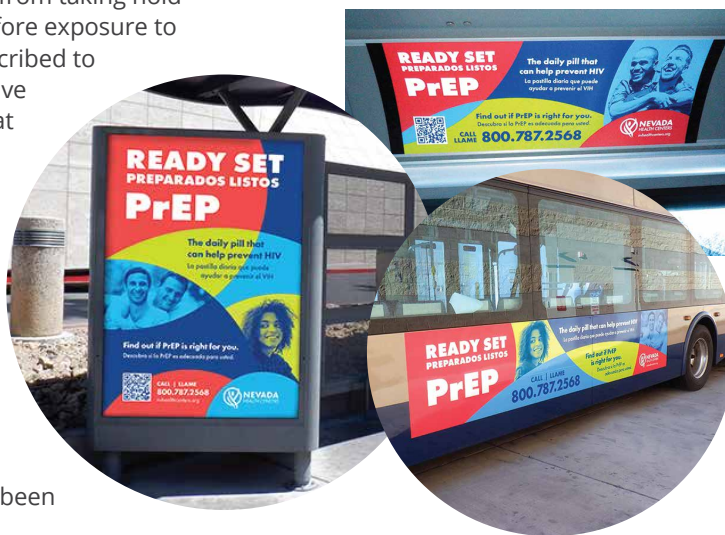
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## Bus-y Ads are Eye Catching

Nevada Health Centers was awarded a HRSA HIV grant to increase the number of people using PrEP and thereby decreasing HIV infections. PrEP stands for pre-exposure prophylaxis, and the definition of prophylaxis is an action to prevent disease. The goal of PrEP is to prevent HIV infection from taking hold by using medicine before exposure to the virus. PrEP is prescribed to people who do not have HIV infection but are at high risk for getting it.

An estimated 321 new cases of HIV are diagnosed in Clark County each year. In order to increase awareness of PrEP with a broad audience, we chose to utilize bus advertising. Ads have been

placed on both the outside and inside of buses, as well as on bus shelters in Clark County. The use of a Quick Response (QR) Code on the internal and bus shelter ads gives those who would like to learn more a convenient resource for additional information.



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