



# Community Chest, Inc.

A Center for Resources... A Catalyst for Change.

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## CCI News

May 2010

Dear Community Member,

Thank you so much for taking the time to read CCI's new quarterly newsletter. Our first issue was 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 [web site](#) for detailed information on our programs and [principles](#), or to [donate](#).

Hope your 2010 is off to a great start!

Community Chest, Inc. Executive Board and Staff

## *Can You Imagine Benefit a success*

On March 26th, 2010 we hosted our first annual Can You Imagine Benefit. We had over 100 people in attendance and raised over \$10,000 dollars. This was the first of many events to come. We wish to thank our staff and board members for their efforts to ensure a successful event.

## CCI Executive Board Seeking New Members

Spread the word. The CCI Executive Board is looking for community-minded people, youth or adults, who want to be part of a dynamic non-profit organization that serves the youth and families of Storey County.

CCI was founded on respect, dignity, being responsive and being inclusive. CCI offers programs that promote healthy life choices through prevention and education. It serves as a link to existing services and programs in partnership with other agencies, organizations and community groups. CCI organizes local efforts and outreach services that forge caring communities throughout the county and the state.

If you, or someone you know, want to build social capital by capitalizing on the strengths of all, then being a part of CCI is for you. Call Shaun Griffin at 847-9311 today or visit [www.communitychestnevada.net](http://www.communitychestnevada.net) for more information. You can make a difference in a child's or families' life.

## Summer Program 2010

The 10-week summer program begins June 14 and runs through Aug. 20 at Hugh Gallagher Elementary School. The program runs from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Off-the-Hill clinics feature experts and local volunteers who offer outdoor

adventures, arts, and cultural experiences to the youth. These have included golf, kayaking, water-skiing, theater, drumming, Latino language, food, and dance. Over 30 youth participate in the summer clinics and typically report having many satisfying learning experiences and challenges. The Off-the-Hill clinics are offered to Elementary, Middle, and High School students.

Pay in ADVANCE until MAY 28, 2010 to receive \$5 off per week! The cost for the summer program is \$90.00 per week for the 4-5 day program, \$70.00 for the 3 days per week program or \$25.00 per day drop in based on space available + one time \$15.00 registration fee per child to hold spot. Your registration in the program includes a T-shirt.

Visit our website at <http://www.communitychestnevada.net> to register your child for the Summer Program.

## Youth and Community Resource Center

The contract for the Storey County Youth and Community Resource Center has been signed with Miles Construction...another step toward making the dream a reality. The ground breaking is getting close...Construction will commence in July. Shaun Griffin, the Director of Community Chest, Inc., and many others have worked diligently planning and fund-raising over the last 20 years to ensure that Storey County has this valuable resource in the community.

At this time we are working to raise funds to finish the entire first phase of construction. We have spoken with various local foundations who have expressed interest in helping us to meet our goal.

Some before pics of the work site:





## Outstanding CCI Employee

Guess who-- a renaissance man, jack of all trades, writer, father, husband and passionate about CCI. Of course we are talking about Erik Schoen. He has blessed this agency for 13 years and has probably done every job and more at CCI. Currently his title is Community Development Director. A more direct title would be Assistant Director or the glue for Community Chest.

If you have not met Erik yet, you should because you would be hard pressed to find a more thoughtful and careful thinker who truly enjoys his work and philosophizing on the ways the community and agency can grow stronger. Grant writing, managing, counseling, strategic planning, and mentoring are all part of Erik's current role.

We, on the board, could not be happier having such a quality staff member who has been willing to dedicate a large chunk of his life to creating and implementing CCI's mission and vision. We also recognize that Erik is a quiet and strong leader, one who rarely asks for accolades. Yet he is deserving of a standing ovation. Erik will always be part of Community Chest's strong foundation and the board deeply thanks his continuing dedication and work.



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