



ANNUAL REPORT

2025

**A YEAR OF
GROWTH & RESILIENCE**

Nevada Homeless Alliance

Our Mission

Our mission is to advance collaborative strategies to end homelessness in Southern Nevada through advocacy, public awareness, education, and coordination of services.

The Nevada Homeless Alliance (NHA) is dedicated to advancing community-driven solutions to homelessness through collaboration, advocacy, education, and direct connection to services. We work to strengthen systems, expand access to resources, and support individuals and families experiencing homelessness or housing instability with dignity and respect.

Our Vision

To end homelessness in Southern Nevada.

NHA envisions a Southern Nevada where homelessness is rare, brief, and one-time, and where individuals and families have equitable access to housing, healthcare, and supportive services needed to thrive. We believe this vision is achievable through coordinated partnerships, lived-experience leadership, and sustained community commitment.

Guided by this mission and vision, the Nevada Homeless Alliance serves as a connector—bringing together service providers, government agencies, funders, advocates, and people with lived experience to create more responsive and humane systems of care. Through initiatives such as Project Homeless Connect, Family Connect, Lived Experience, and flexible financial assistance, NHA meets people where they are and helps remove barriers to stability.

At the core of NHA's work is the belief that housing is healthcare and that lasting solutions must be rooted in equity, collaboration, and the voices of those most impacted. By combining direct community engagement with systems coordination and public advocacy, NHA works not only to respond to immediate needs, but also to drive long-term change that prevents homelessness before it begins.

Leading with Dignity, Guided by Community

This year reminded us of something we have always known: people don't need perfect systems—they need real support, delivered with compassion and respect.

Across Nevada, individuals and families continue to face rising housing costs, limited availability, and complex systems that are difficult to navigate. At the same time, shifting funding priorities and the implementation of camping ordinances have added new layers of urgency and uncertainty for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. These policy changes, combined with limited affordable housing options, have increased the pressure on individuals already navigating crisis—and on the organizations working to support them.

In response, our team focused on meeting people where they are—physically, emotionally, and practically. Whether through neighborhood Pop-Up events, coordinated street outreach, flexible financial assistance, or statewide collaboration, our goal remained the same: connection before correction, dignity before judgment. As camping ordinances reshaped how communities respond to unsheltered homelessness, our outreach teams worked diligently to ensure individuals were informed of available resources, connected to services, and treated with respect throughout the process.

Our staff, Lived X consultants, and volunteers worked tirelessly to problem-solve alongside clients—negotiating with landlords, coordinating with healthcare providers, navigating school systems, and helping individuals untangle complex paperwork and eligibility requirements. Real change often happens in small, steady steps, and our team walked those steps with the community every day. We are happy to share that we **served over 5500 individuals in 2025!!**

Our work does not happen in isolation. It is strengthened through partnership—between service providers, local governments, schools, healthcare organizations, funders, and people with lived experience whose insight keeps us accountable and grounded. Together, we helped individuals resolve immediate crises while building longer-term pathways toward stability.

I am deeply grateful to our staff, partners, funders, volunteers, and community members who made this work possible. I am especially proud of our team—their perseverance, professionalism, and compassion continue to define our organization. Most importantly, I honor the individuals and families who trusted us during moments of uncertainty. Your resilience and voices guide our work and remind us why this mission matters.



Dr. Catrina Grigsby-Thedford
Executive Director



Building Hope Together Compassion in Collaboration

I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our Community Partners for collaborating with our agency to provide on-site mobile services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness and those with low incomes.

Your collaboration, commitment, and generosity of time and expertise makes a meaningful difference. Because of your willingness to meet people where they are, our community members were able to access vital services with dignity, compassion, and care. Together, we helped remove barriers, build trust, and create pathways toward stability and hope.

We are deeply appreciative of the work you do every day and are honored to stand alongside you in service to our community. Your partnership strengthens our collective impact and reminds us that meaningful change happens when we work together.

Thank you for being a vital part of our mission.

We look forward to continuing this important work with you!



Brittany Parker
Community Events Coordinator

The logo features a stylized roofline above the text "HOUSING is a HUMAN RIGHT". "HOUSING" and "RIGHT" are in large, bold, black capital letters, while "is a HUMAN" is in a smaller, lowercase font.

THANK YOU!!

NHA COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- 3 Keys Communities
- 8th Judicial District Court
- ACLU NV
- ACRC
- Aghaby Clinic First Church of God
- Anthem BCBS NV Medicaid
- Basic High School
- Beacon Academy of Nevada
- Bitfocus
- Bonanza High School
- Bonneville Transit Center
- Brolly House
- Cambridge Community Center
- Campus for Hope
- CareSource
- CCDC Title One HOPE
- CCSD FACES
- CCSS CARE
- Chicanos Por La Causa (CPLC)
- Children's Cabinet
- Churchill County Social Services
- Cimarron High School
- City of Las Vegas
- City of North Las Vegas
- CIVICA Academy
- Clark County
- Clark County Library
- Clark County School District, Nevada
- Clark County Social Services
- Clean the World Foundation
- CM Independent Living
- College of Southern Nevada
- Community Health Alliance
- Comprehensive Treatment Center
- Coordinated Living of Southern Nevada
- Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas
- Courtyard Homeless Resource Center
- Crossroads
- CSH – Corporation for Supportive Housing
- DAD, Inc.
- Delta Academy
- Democracy Prep
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Desert Rose High School
- DETR / Nevada Job Connect
- Dignity Disability Solutions, LLC
- Disability Help Center
- Diversity Insurance
- DSCRC
- DSS
- East Las Vegas Library
- Eddy House
- EmployNV
- Equus Workforce Solutions
- Family Promise
- Golden Rainbow of Nevada, Inc.
- Grand Canyon University
- Green Valley Library
- GRN VISION Sustainable Design
- Guinn Center
- HELP of Southern Nevada
- Henderson Equity Center
- HOME Team
- Homeless Outreach Team
- Hope Christian Health Center
- HopeLink
- HPN / UHC
- Humana
- IFET Village
- Inner Healing Center
- JET Foundation
- JFSA
- Judah Recovery
- Keeping It Real Ministries
- Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
- Las Vegas Rescue Mission
- Legal Aid Center of Nevada
- Lovewell Center
- Mater Academy of Nevada
- Medicare Assistance Program
- Mingo Health Solutions Behavioral Services Inc.
- Molasky Park
- Molina Healthcare
- MTM
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- National Low Income Housing Coalition
- NBH / Courtyard
- NDVS
- Nevada 2-1-1
- Nevada Academy
- Nevada Association of Counties
- Nevada Behavioral Health
- Nevada Behavioral Health Systems
- Nevada Department of Corrections
- Nevada Department of Education
- Nevada Department of Veteran Services
- Nevada GrantLab
- Nevada Housing Division
- Nevada Housing Justice Alliance
- Nevada Legal Services
- Nevada Partners
- New Beginnings Ministry
- North Las Vegas Municipal Court
- NPHY
- Ovation
- PACT Coalition for Safe & Drug Free Communities
- Pearle Vision
- Prince of Peace Ministries
- Project 150
- Raising Hope of Nevada
- Restoration & Recovery
- Rise Homes
- RITE Trainings
- RTC of Southern Nevada
- Safe House
- SafeNest
- Salvation Army
- Share Village
- Shine A Light
- Signs of Hope
- Silver Summit Health Plan
- Sistahs Strong
- SLAM Nevada
- SNHD
- Southern Nevada Lived X
- Spring Valley Library
- Street Dogs
- Sunrise Children's Foundation
- The Center
- The Culinary Academy of Las Vegas
- The Just One Project
- The Shade Tree
- Three Square
- Thrive Behavioral Hospital & SunArch Academy
- TINHIH
- Touro University
- TRAC B
- U.S. Vets
- UnitedHealthcare
- University of Michigan School of Information
- UNLV
- UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law
- VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System
- VASNHS
- Vegas Stronger
- Vegas Treatment Center
- WC Health
- WellCare
- West Las Vegas Library
- WestCare Nevada
- Western High School
- Winged Wolf Innovations
- Youth Action Board

The Power of Volunteers

Volunteers are at the heart of the Nevada Homeless Alliance’s success. In 2025, more than 400 volunteers gave their time, energy, and compassion to support our events, outreach efforts, and community initiatives. Their willingness to show up—often in challenging environments—ensures that individuals and families experiencing homelessness are met with dignity, respect, and genuine care.

From helping coordinate large-scale events to distributing supplies, guiding participants through services, and offering a welcoming presence, our volunteers play an essential role in creating safe and supportive spaces. Their tireless dedication strengthens our capacity, expands our reach, and reinforces the truth that meaningful change happens when a community comes together. We are deeply grateful for their commitment and proud to stand alongside each volunteer who helps turn compassion into action.

The Power of Volunteers NHA CARE SQUAD



What We Did in 2025, At A GLANCE

- Pop-Up Project Homeless Connect (32 events)
- Family Connect (7 events)
- Monthly Encampment Connect Participation
- Lived X Team Initiatives
- CNLV Street Outreach
- NV Statewide Captains for NAEH Capitol Hill Day
- 4th Annual Statewide Conference on Addressing Homelessness
- Fall Project Homeless Connect
- Homeless Vigil
- Pet Program (Launch Year)
- Re-Entry Services
- Housing Problem Solving & Flexible Funds

Pop-Up PHC

Pop-Up Project Homeless Connect brings essential services directly into neighborhoods through mobile, low-barrier events. Designed to reduce access barriers, these events meet people where they are and provide immediate connections to housing navigation, identification support, benefits assistance, h

Working closely with community partners, we were able to provide 32 Pop-Up events to our community in 2025. We are so grateful for our host sites:

- Bonneville Transit Center
- Vegas Stronger
- The Salvation Army
- Share Village
- DSCRC
- Comprehensive Treatment Center
- Aghaby Clinic
- First Church of god
- New Beginnings Ministry
- Keeping it Real Ministries
- WC Health
- The Center
- Spring Valley Library
- West Las Vegas Library
- (New) West Las Vegas Library
- East Las Vegas Library
- Green Valley Library
- Clark County Library
- Molasky Park
- Cambridge Community Center
- Lovewell Center
- 3 Keys Communities
- Restoration and Recovery

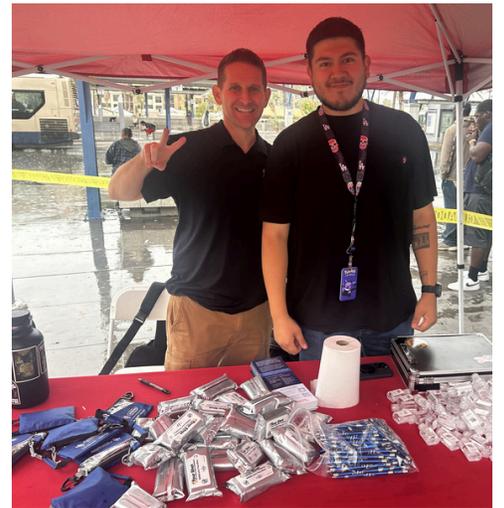
Through these events, we were able to serve well over 3000 duplicated persons with on the spot services

- 1500+ Backpacks/Hygiene Kits
- 1500+ Clothing/Shoes
- 157 Employment/Workforce
- 959 Housing (Placements/Referrals/Transitional/Emergency Shelters)
- 231 Legal Aid
- 3024 Medical Services (Medicaid/On-Site Medical Services/Appts)
- 568 Mental/Behavioral Health
- 175 Mobile Showers
- 400+ Pet Grooming/Food/Supplies
- 3500+ Snacks/food items
- 738 Mainstream Benefits (SNAP/TANF/SSI/SSDI)
- 221 Veteran Services
- 171 Vital Documents

Pop-Up



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POP-UP FAMILY CONNECT

Family Connect is a community-based initiative of the Nevada Homeless Alliance designed to support families with children who are experiencing homelessness or housing instability. The program focuses on early intervention, prevention, and stabilization by connecting families to essential resources in a welcoming, family-centered environment. Family Connect events bring services directly into the community, reducing barriers related to transportation, time, and system navigation.

A key component of Family Connect is collaboration with the Clark County School District (CCSD) Title I HOPE Program, which supports students and families experiencing homelessness under the McKinney-Vento Act. Through this partnership, NHA works closely with school-based liaisons to identify families in need and connect them to housing navigation, emergency assistance, childcare resources, food support, healthcare referrals, and educational advocacy. By aligning housing and social services with educational stability, Family Connect helps ensure that children can remain engaged in school while their families work toward long-term housing stability.

Family Connect reflects NHA's belief that supporting families requires coordinated, cross-system collaboration. By working alongside CCSD, community partners, and service providers, the program strengthens the safety net for families, helping prevent homelessness and reduce the long-term impacts of housing instability on children and their academic success.

In 2025, we are proud to have hosted 7 Family Connect events and served 253 duplicated Households!



Partner Schools

- Cimmaron High School
- Desert Rose High School
- Western High School
- Delta Academy
- Bonanza High School
- Basic High School
- Desert Rose High School

In
Partnership
With:



2025

PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

The Fall Project Homeless Connect (PHC) is the Nevada Homeless Alliance's annual large-scale service event designed to create immediate, low-barrier access to critical resources for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Held on November 19, 2025, at the World Market Center from 9am-4pm, Fall PHC brings together dozens of community partners in one centralized location, removing common barriers such as transportation, complex referral processes, and fragmented systems.

Large-scale events like Fall PHC are important because they create a single point of access for people who may be navigating crisis, distrust of systems, or urgent unmet needs. By coordinating housing navigation, healthcare, behavioral health services, identification assistance, benefits enrollment, employment support, and other essential services in one place, Fall PHC allows participants to receive help quickly, respectfully, and without judgment. For many, the event serves as a first step toward stability and an entry point into longer-term support.

Recognizing the impact and value of this approach, NHA has committed to bringing the Fall Project Homeless Connect back on a yearly basis. This annual event strengthens partnerships, increases community awareness, and reinforces NHA's commitment to meeting people where they are while building consistent, dependable access to care.

Fall PHC reflects the belief that when services come together, communities are better equipped to respond with dignity, compassion, and meaningful solutions.

- 750+ Households served
- 102 Service providers participated
- 340 Housing services received
- 481 Youth/Family services received
- 1381 Mental Health, Substance use, Sober Living, recovery services
- 153 Pet Services received
- 540 Medical Services received
- 93 Veteran Services received
- 281 Employment Services received
- 21 DV Services received
- 50+ Legal Services Received
- 47 Showers
- 50+ Haircuts

Over 1000 Giveaways!!



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H.O.M.E TEAM

STREET OUTREACH

The Homeless Outreach Mobile Response (H.O.M.E. Team) is a collaborative initiative between the Nevada Homeless Alliance (NHA) and the City of North Las Vegas, designed to provide compassionate, coordinated outreach to individuals and families experiencing unsheltered homelessness. The H.O.M.E. Team meets people where they are—on the streets, in encampments, and in public spaces—offering immediate support, connection to services, and pathways toward housing stability.

Grounded in a person-centered approach, the H.O.M.E. Team provides services 7 days per week with a Weekday team working Monday-Thursday and the Weekend Team working Thursday-Sunday. The teams focus on building trust, addressing urgent needs, and reducing barriers to care. Outreach efforts include housing assessments and navigation, referrals to shelter and healthcare, behavioral health and substance use resources, and coordination with city departments to ensure responses prioritize safety, dignity, and long-term solutions. Through this partnership, NHA and the City of North Las Vegas work together to create a more humane, responsive outreach system that supports individuals in crisis while strengthening community-wide efforts to prevent and resolve homelessness.

In 2025 alone, the H.O.M.E Team's stats show their commitment to serving the most vulnerable.

- 1117 Unsheltered individuals engaged
- 4935 Service referrals were offered
- 943 Individuals were offered service referrals
- 341 Individuals accepted service referrals
- 138 Individuals accepted housing and treatment programs to address addiction and behavioral health needs



H.O.M.E TEAM: Success Story

Precious' Story

On June 25, 2025, the City of North Las Vegas H.O.M.E. Team first encountered a woman named Precious, who was living primarily at a park in North Las Vegas. She was open and vulnerable with the team, tearfully sharing the pain she was experiencing and how deeply she missed her young son. Although she was suffering and expressed a desire to make a change, Precious shared that she was not yet ready to take what she felt would be the first step—entering a treatment program. However, she welcomed continued follow-up from the H.O.M.E. Team.



The next few times we spoke to Precious, she was living near railroad tracks, and her desperation for change appeared to intensify. After multiple engagements, on July 22, 2025, Precious made the courageous decision to enter the Shine A Light program and officially began her recovery journey. Since that time, she has maintained communication with the H.O.M.E. Team, sharing updates on her progress. Precious shared the following reflection on her journey:

*“I am only here today because my seven-year-old son told his dad that he wanted to see his mom. On May 6th, I was hit by a train. I spent the night on the railroad tracks with my son and my then-boyfriend. The next morning, I reached down to get something I dropped and—smack!—I was hit. My boyfriend left me there. I did not receive emergency medical care until the following morning, when a railroad worker found me and called 911. I later learned that my pelvis was broken in three places, and my sacrum—the bone above my tailbone—was also broken. Naturally, CPS took my son. I had to learn how to walk again. I healed somewhat, but I was still using drugs. I was told my son wasn’t asking for me, that he was going to be adopted, and that I had no choice in the matter. My world immediately turned dark. I felt like I had nothing to live for, and drugs became my medicine. **The City of North Las Vegas H.O.M.E. Team rescued me.** My ex-husband later told me that my son was asking for me. The H.O.M.E. Team explained that I would be in a better position to get my son back if I focused on bettering myself—getting support to get clean if I was interested and having a safe place to stay. Shine A Light helped me create a plan that met all the criteria of my CPS case plan. I was taken to Crossroads Detox and began working my CPS case plan. I completed parenting classes and outpatient drug treatment. My case manager set me up for success. By trusting the process and having the right support system, I was able to move forward.*

I have recently gained employment, moved into my own apartment, and completed all the conditions required to have my son returned to me. I am now one step away from getting my son back. I also have a sponsor who has helped me throughout my journey.

Trust the process.”

— Precious

H.O.M.E TEAM

STREET OUTREACH PICTURES



SOUTHERN NEVADA LIVED X TEAM

The Southern Nevada Lived X Team is a collaborative initiative led by the Nevada Homeless Alliance (NHA) in partnership with Clark County Social Services, designed to intentionally elevate the voices of individuals with lived experience of homelessness or housing insecurity within systems planning, service design, and community decision-making. This initiative recognizes that people who have experienced homelessness firsthand bring critical insight, credibility, and solutions that cannot be replicated through traditional professional pathways alone.

The Lived X Team is comprised of two full-time Lived Experience Specialists, two NHA staff members, and eight independent contractors, all of whom are compensated for their expertise and contributions. Team members participate in community meetings, provide feedback on programs and policies, engage in outreach and public education, and help shape strategies that impact individuals and families experiencing homelessness. By formalizing these roles and providing paid opportunities, NHA and Clark County Social Services affirm that lived experience is not only valuable—but essential to effective systems change.

Centering lived experience strengthens trust, improves service responsiveness, and leads to more humane and equitable outcomes. The Lived X Team ensures that policies and programs are informed by real-world realities, reducing gaps between intention and impact. Through this initiative, NHA advances its commitment to “nothing about us without us,” building systems that are more accountable, inclusive, and grounded in the lived realities of the community members they are designed to serve.

The Lived X team completed many initiatives in 2025 to include. Please reference the Lived X Team 2025 Annual Report for more info!!



HOSN ENCAMPMENT CONNECT

The Nevada Homeless Alliance (NHA) partners once monthly with Help of Southern Nevada to conduct Encampment Connect, a targeted outreach initiative designed to bring immediate, on-site services to individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness in high-need locations. Through this collaboration, Help of Southern Nevada's Outreach Coordinator identifies encampments with large concentrations of people experiencing homelessness and coordinates service delivery directly where people are living.

Encampment Connect is grounded in a low-barrier, person-centered approach that prioritizes dignity, trust, and immediate support. During each monthly engagement, individuals are offered on-the-spot services such as housing navigation, shelter referrals, medical and behavioral health connections, substance use support, identification assistance, and linkage to longer-term case management. By bringing services directly to encampments, this partnership reduces barriers related to transportation, documentation, and system access, while creating meaningful entry points into care for individuals who may not otherwise engage with traditional service settings.

This collaboration reflects NHA's commitment to meeting people where they are and strengthening coordinated outreach across the community. By working alongside Help of Southern Nevada, Encampment Connect supports safer, more humane responses to unsheltered homelessness while helping individuals take the first steps toward stability and housing. The partnership demonstrates how cross-agency collaboration can improve outreach effectiveness, enhance continuity of care, and build trust with some of the community's most vulnerable neighbors.



NAEH

Virtual Capitol Hill Day

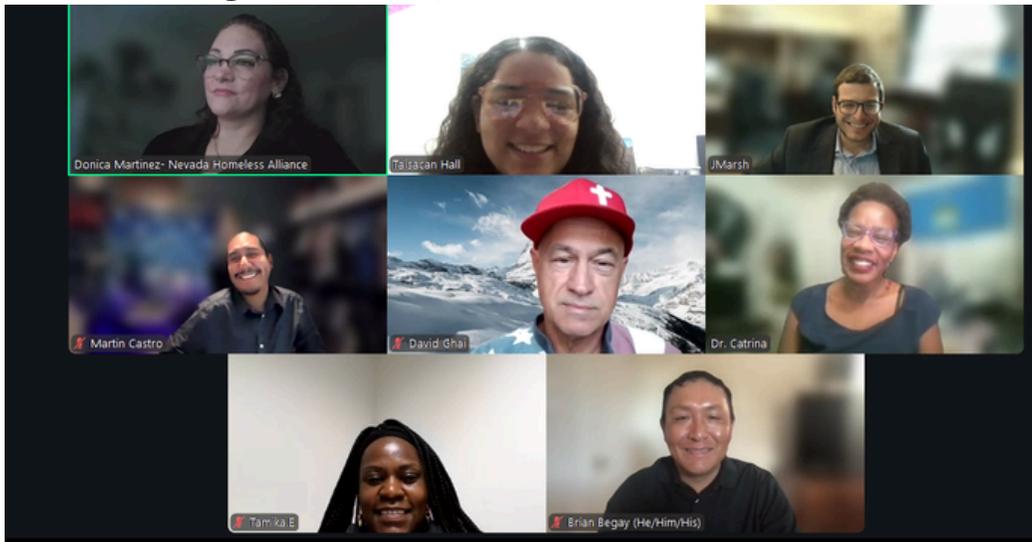
Nevada Homeless Alliance (NHA) deepened its federal advocacy efforts by participating in Capitol Hill Day, a national advocacy event organized by the National Alliance to End Homelessness. NHA's Executive Director- Dr. Catrina Grigsby-Thedford and Lived X Consultant-Donica Martinez represented Nevada, ensuring that both organizational leadership and lived experience perspectives were centered in conversations with federal policymakers.

During the 2025 virtual Capitol Hill Day, NHA served as State Coordinators for Nevada, playing a key leadership role in organizing and supporting the state's advocacy efforts. Led by National Alliance to End Homelessness with their partners, Advocacy Associates, who scheduled all congressional meetings, NHA helped coordinate Nevada's delegation, prepared advocates for meetings with Members of Congress and congressional staff, and supported the development of clear, focused policy priorities. Advocacy efforts centered on the importance of sustained federal investment in homelessness response programs, including the Homeless Assistance Grants account, which funds the Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grants programs.

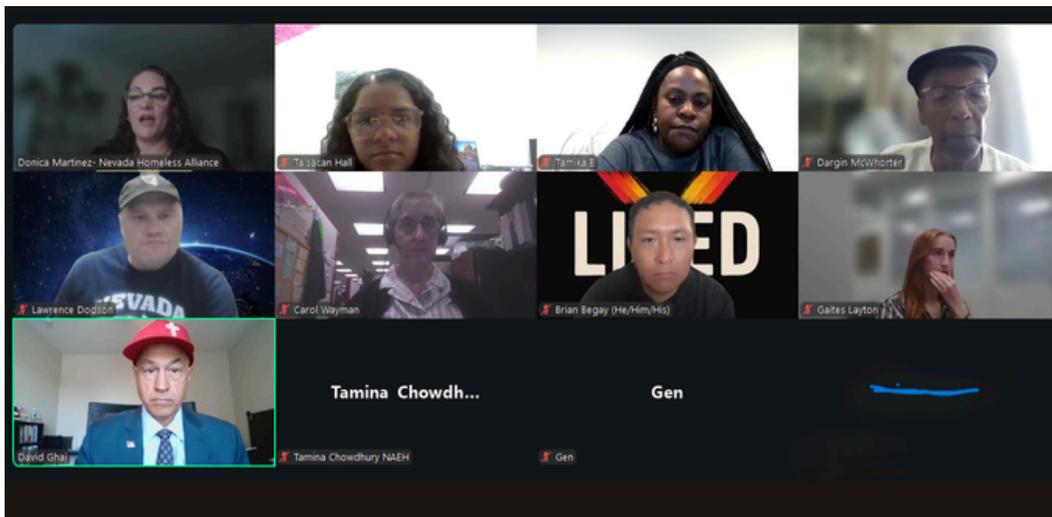
A core focus of NHA's participation was the intentional inclusion and leadership of people with lived experience of homelessness. By elevating lived experience voices at the federal level, NHA helped ensure that policy discussions were grounded in real-world impacts and community realities. Serving as State Coordinators allowed NHA to strengthen relationships with federal offices, build advocacy capacity across Nevada, and reinforce the message that effective homelessness policy must be informed by the expertise of those most directly impacted.

NHA is proud to once again, participate as State Coordinators for Nevada!!

Meeting with Jeremy Marsh from Dina Titus' Office



Meeting with Carolyn Wyman from Cortez-Masto's Office



Meeting with Abigail Hobson from Rosen's Office





Thank you!

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CONFERENCE
on Addressing Homelessness**

**September 29-30, 2025
College of Southern Nevada,
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NEVADA STATEWIDE CONFERENCE ON ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

The 2025 Nevada Statewide Conference on Addressing Homelessness brought together service providers, policymakers, funders, advocates, people with lived experience, and community leaders from across the state to strengthen collaboration and advance solutions to homelessness. Hosted by the Nevada Homeless Alliance, the conference served as a space for learning, connection, and honest dialogue about what is working, where gaps remain, and how Nevada can move forward together. This year's theme was Mission Possible: Policy, Practice, Partnerships.



Centered on the belief that housing is healthcare, the conference highlighted the intersection of housing stability with behavioral health, healthcare access, criminal legal systems, and economic stability. Sessions emphasized practical strategies, cross-sector partnerships, and the importance of centering lived experience in policy and program design. By elevating both data and lived realities, the conference fostered meaningful conversations that support more humane, effective, and coordinated responses to homelessness statewide.

2025 Conference Highlights

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- 267 Attendees
- 50+ Speakers & Panelists
- 20 Sessions/Breakouts

Speaker and Breakout Session topics included:

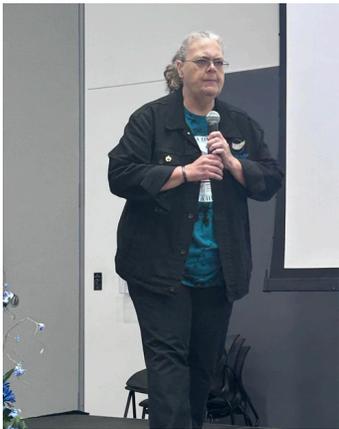
- Youth Voice in the Fight to End Youth Homelessness
- Housing Not Handcuffs: The Mission IS Possible
- Bridging the Gap: A Peers Guide to Real Talk about Mental Health
- Exhausting all Options: The Secret to Keeping People Housed
- Voices from the Streets: The Human Impact of the Camping Ordinance
- Housing Justice at the Crossroads
- Returning Home Nevada: From Ohio's Success to our State's Next Step
- NV Department of Education's Ongoing Efforts to Address Homelessness
- Collaboration in Veterans Outreach
- Behind the CoC Board
- Beyond Housing First: Integrating Behavioral Health for Real Stability
- And MUCH more!!

NEVADA STATEWIDE CONFERENCE ON ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

The 2025 Statewide Conference reaffirmed the power of bringing people together to learn, reflect, and act. By creating space for shared knowledge and collective problem-solving, the conference advanced Nevada's ongoing efforts to make homelessness rare, brief, and one-time.

A defining feature of the conference was the intentional inclusion of people with lived experience as speakers, panelists, and facilitators. Their leadership ensured that discussions remained grounded in real-world impact and accountability. The conference also strengthened relationships across urban, suburban, and rural communities, reinforcing the shared responsibility to address homelessness through collaboration rather than siloed efforts.





NEVADA STATEWIDE CONFERENCE ON ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

Kevin Edward
22h · HUNTR/X · Golden · 🌐

Day 1 of the 2025 NHA Statewide Conference on Addressing Homelessness is complete – and what an amazing start! 🙌

Let's continue pushing forward with purpose and compassion. 🙏

I'm humbled and honored to have been selected to speak and grateful that my team can attend from across the state. I'm even more thankful for the opportunity to learn from our community's incredible leaders who provide guidance, insights, and support. The mentorship, inspiration, and connection to purpose have helped me grow. I'm excited for Day 2! 🙌🙏
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👍👍👍 Karla Amezcuca + 37 6 comments

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Housing supports & services managed care panel! Molina, Anthem and SilverSummit

Michael Lyle
1h · 🌐

Thank you @nhavoice for inviting me to moderate a panel on housing justice. It was great to discuss a variety of policy issues alongside some amazing speakers.

Donica J Martinez is with **MVrtin Homes** and **2 others** at **CSN West Charleston**.
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What an amazing day 🙏
Day 1 of the 2025 NHA STATEWIDE CONFERENCE ON ADDRESSING HOM... See more

Brenda Barnes
9h · 🌐

Using my favorite Stanley at the #NHA 2025 Nevada Statewide Homeless Conference!!
#bitfocus

Ronnie Doak
7h · 🌐

Day 2 NHA Conference AMAZING!!!!!!

Dave Marlon is at **College of Southern Nevada**.
2h · 🌐

Today, I had the honor of engaging in a feature debate at Catrina Grigsby-Thedford'... See more

Ronnie Doak
10h · 🌐

Raising awareness and hope ❤️

Jeffery Thompkins **Thompkins**
Mission NOWpossible... I'm Proud to stand at the Nevada Homeless Alliance, moving lives from crisis to stability #JETlife #MakePeopleMatter
2025 Nevada Statewide Conference on Addressing Homelessness

1 Like

Anthony Smith
53m · 🌐

It was an awesome last day at The Nevada Homeless alliance Conference. Thank you **Dr.Catrina Grigsby-Thedford** for creating this informative networking event for our community.

NEVADA STATEWIDE CONFERENCE ON ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

Thank You to Our Sponsors

The 2025 Conference was made possible through the generosity and partnership of organizations that believe in dignity, equity, and community-driven solutions. Our sponsors do more than provide financial support—they invest in people, systems, and the collective effort to make homelessness rare, brief, and one-time in Nevada.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the sponsors whose support helped expand outreach, strengthen flexible funding, elevate lived experience leadership, and bring critical services directly to individuals and families in need

Your support allows NHA to remain responsive, innovative, and grounded in community needs—providing flexible resources where they matter most, supporting large-scale convenings, and ensuring that people with lived experience have a seat at decision-making tables. We are deeply grateful for your partnership and shared commitment to building a more compassionate and connected Nevada.

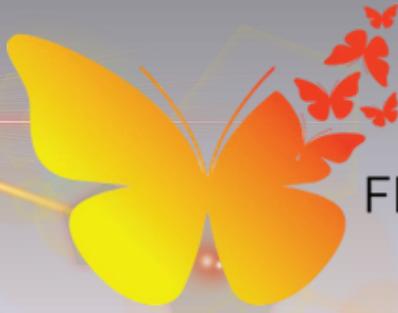


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32ND ANNUAL HOMELESS CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

'IN THEIR LIGHT, WE STAND'

Recognizing those who have passed as guiding lights for advocacy and compassion



December 18th, 2025



32nd Annual HOMELESS CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Remembering Through Data — Each Statistic Reflects a Person Who Mattered

The Homeless Candlelight Vigil is a time for our community to come together in remembrance, reflection, and resolve. Each year, we honor the lives of neighbors who died while experiencing homelessness—people who were loved, who mattered, and whose absence is felt.

At Nevada Homeless Alliance, we believe data can be used with dignity. These numbers are not shared to reduce people to statistics, but to humanize loss, make inequities visible, and call for systems that prevent future deaths. Behind every number is a person, a story, and a name.

By the Numbers

- January 1 – November 5, 2025
- 234 lives lost (100%) while experiencing homelessness
- 62% (144 people) died from drug- and alcohol-related causes
- 14% (32 people) died from untreated or poorly managed health conditions, most requiring consistent medical care and stable housing
- 9% (21 people) died from extreme heat exposure, a preventable and policy-driven outcome
- 80% (188 people) were men, highlighting gender-specific vulnerabilities and gaps in engagement and care

Aging, Homelessness, and Premature Death

- Homelessness dramatically accelerates aging and mortality.
- 37% (86 people) were age 55 or older
- Of those, 36% (31 people) were age 65 or older
- The youngest person lost was 20 years old, and the oldest was 78, showing homelessness impacts people across the lifespan
- Older adults experiencing homelessness face heightened risk due to chronic illness, limited mobility, exposure to extreme temperatures, and barriers to consistent healthcare.



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Race and Disparities

Homelessness does not impact all communities equally.

- 57% (134 people) were White
- 27% (64 people) were Black/African American
- 8.5% (20 people) were Hispanic

Smaller numbers included Native American, Pacific Islander, Multiracial, Asian, and Unknown. Although Black residents make up a much smaller percentage of the general population, they represent more than one-quarter of all deaths, reflecting long-standing inequities in housing access, health outcomes, income, and system involvement.

Why We Share This Data

Each statistic reflects a person who mattered — data with dignity.

Nevada Homeless Alliance is committed to humanizing people experiencing homelessness, including those we have lost. These are not just statistics. They are lives. We share this information to honor them, to tell the truth about what is happening in our community, and to advocate for housing, healthcare, prevention, and coordinated systems that save lives.

A Call to Action

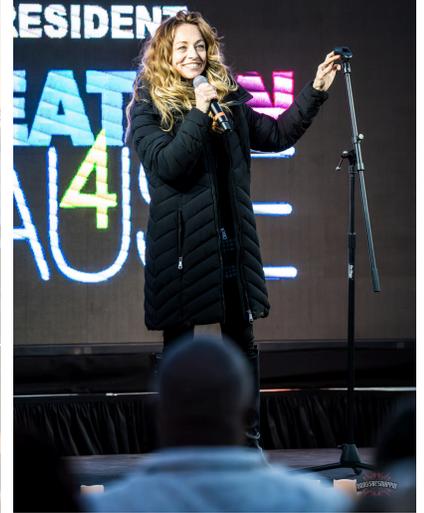
The deaths remembered tonight were not inevitable. Many were preventable. As a community, we are called to move beyond remembrance toward action—by expanding housing, strengthening prevention, improving access to healthcare and behavioral health services, and ensuring that no one is left to survive alone.

We honor lives lost by working to prevent the next death.

Mourn the dead and fight like hell for the living!! Mary “Mother” Jones



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Launch Year PET PROGRAM

For many individuals experiencing homelessness, pets are not simply animals—they are family, emotional support, protection, and often the only consistent source of unconditional love in their lives. At Nevada Homeless Alliance, we regularly encounter individuals who decline shelter, detox, treatment, or transitional housing because those programs cannot accommodate their pets. Many shelters do not accept animals at all. Some allow pets only if a kennel is available, yet kennel space is limited or nonexistent. Treatment centers and detox facilities typically prohibit pets entirely, forcing individuals to choose between recovery and their companion. Even when permanent housing opportunities arise, pet deposits, monthly pet rent, breed restrictions, and limited pet-friendly units create additional barriers. Without practical solutions, individuals are often left with an impossible choice—enter services alone or remain unsheltered with their furry family member.

Through the launch of our Pet Program, supported by Caesars and Credit One Bank, Nevada Homeless Alliance is working to remove these barriers. We are addressing gaps such as pet deposits, pet rent, referrals for basic veterinary care, food, leashes, and safety supplies to help individuals maintain housing stability without sacrificing their companion animals. Funding for this initiative is essential because service systems were not historically designed to support the human-animal bond. Yet we know that preserving that bond can increase engagement in services, improve mental health outcomes, and reduce prolonged homelessness.

If we want to create pathways to shelter, treatment, and housing that truly work, we must ensure pets are safe, supported, and included in the solution.

We are committed to start seeking alternative solutions - funding for best-practice models to cover temporary pet boarding / “pet hotel” / foster placement for weeks to a few months so a person can enter treatment (or another stabilization program) without losing their pet.



Silver Summit CIP

Re-Entry Services

The Nevada Homeless Alliance's SilverSummit Re-Entry Program supports returning citizens as they transition from incarceration back into the community. The program is designed to reduce homelessness and recidivism by connecting individuals to housing resources, financial assistance, and coordinated referrals during one of the most vulnerable periods in their lives.

Stable housing is often the difference between successful reintegration and returning to crisis. Through this initiative, NHA removes immediate financial barriers, supports placement in sober living environments, and connects participants to employment opportunities, behavioral health services, transportation, and mainstream benefits. Each participant works with NHA Resource Specialists to develop personalized service plans centered on housing and employment goals.

Silver Summit Community I Program 2025 Program Highlights

- 20 returning citizens engaged
- 12 individuals received financial assistance
- 100% of financial assistance recipients were SilverSummit Health Plan members
- 12 participants secured housing in sober living
- 17 referrals for supportive services
- 7 participants employed

Participants ranged in age from 34 to 63, and represents diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds across Southern Nevada.

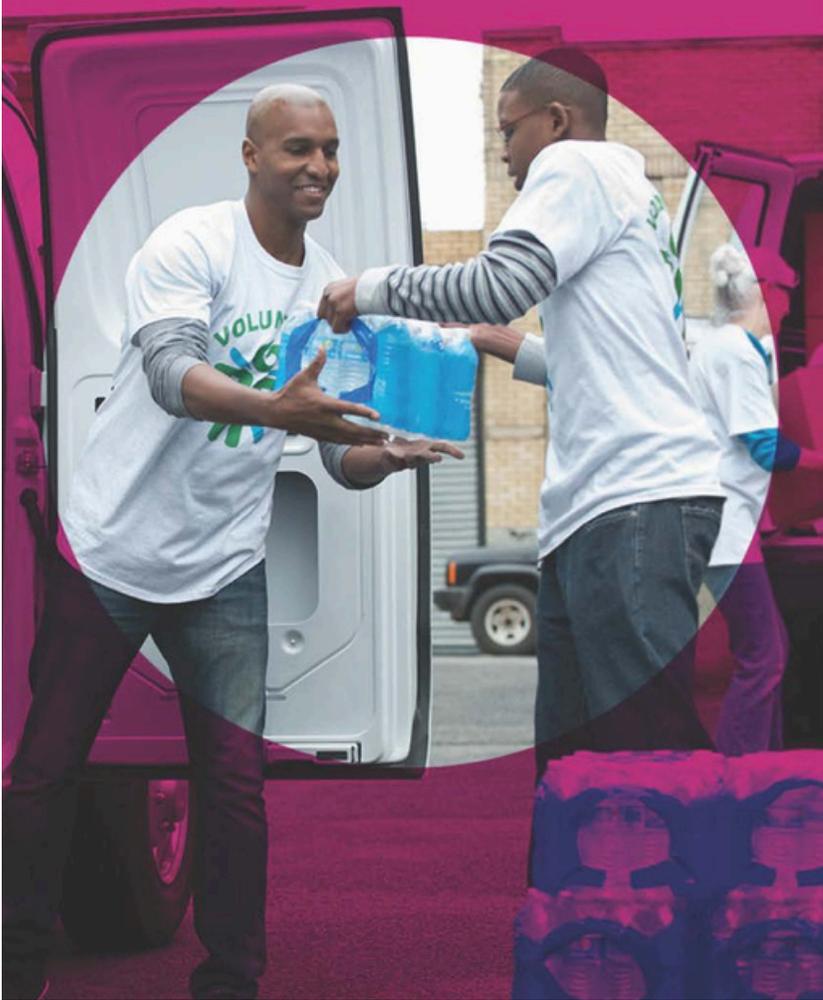
Community Collaboration

- This program operates in partnership with correctional facilities, transitional housing programs, and community-based organizations, including: NDOC Casa Grande Transitional Housing, Geo Group Residential Reentry Center, Clark County Detention Center (in partnership with Vegas Stronger), City of North Las Vegas Jail, City of Las Vegas Jail (Naphcare), IFET Village, Divine Interventions, Hanzy House, Trailways, and Chosen for Success

Why This Matters

Individuals exiting incarceration face significant housing and employment barriers. Without stable housing, the risk of relapse, unemployment, and re-incarceration increases dramatically. The SilverSummit Re-Entry Program provides structured, housing-focused support that strengthens recovery, promotes employment, and supports long-term community integration.

This investment helped ensure that individuals who would have otherwise been discharged into homelessness had access to stable housing and coordinated care.



Driving Real Solutions to Homelessness

We're not just responding - we're leading. Through strategic collaboration, innovative partnerships, and a deep commitment to community, SilverSummit is working to advance sustainable solutions to address homelessness across Nevada.

Together, we're building pathways to stability, dignity, and health—for every Nevadan.



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Silver Summit CIP Re-Entry Services



Joey P. spent 45 months in Federal Prison. Upon release, he reached out to Nevada Homeless Alliance on October 25, stating that he was just released and was looking for a sober living home. He stated his willingness to do 90 meetings in 90 days and “whatever else I need to do to comply”. Our staff instructed him to go to DWSS to apply for Medicaid and choose Silver Summit and we can assist him. During this time, he was residing with his mother temporarily and needed to move to a more stable housing option.

He contacted NHA on October 27th to state he had just left the Welfare office and was approved for Medicaid. He contacted his Probation Officer to get the new address approved and we immediately contacted IFET Village and placed him in sober living. Joey worked closely with NHA Resource Specialist, Josephine, to complete an individual service plan and set goals. To date, Joey is currently employed, clean and sober, and has chosen to remain in sober living. He is currently paying his fees on his own.

“This program has provided me with a safe space and resources to reintegrate back into society from prison. I’m employed, sober, happy and looking forward to the future because the possibilities are limitless. Thank you, Nevada Homeless Alliance, for your support!!”

Flexible Funds Housing Problem Solving

Funded by Credit One Bank & Gene Haas Foundation

The Nevada Homeless Alliance's Housing Problem Solving and Flexible Funding Program provides rapid, one-time financial assistance to prevent eviction, resolve housing crises, and help households secure or maintain stable housing. Unlike traditional funding sources, flexible funds allow NHA to respond quickly to urgent needs—covering critical gaps such as rental arrears, security deposits, utility balances, application fees, emergency auto repairs, hotel stays, and pet deposits—expenses that are often not covered by federal or state grants

Credit One Bank Impact (2025)

With support from Credit One Bank, the Nevada Homeless Alliance served 51 households in 2025 through one-time stabilization assistance. These households included single parents, grandparents raising grandchildren, individuals, and multi-generational families who were either at risk of losing their housing or working to secure stable housing. The most common need addressed was rental arrears, often caused by unexpected crises such as loss of income, death in the family, medical emergencies, and other financial disruptions.

In addition to rental assistance, Credit One Bank funding allowed NHA to provide critical stabilization supports, including emergency auto repairs to help families maintain employment and ensure children could get to school, as well as pet-related financial assistance to prevent housing loss for individuals and families with companion animals. Resource Specialists worked directly with landlords and property managers, negotiated solutions, and connected households to ongoing supportive services—successfully preventing eviction and resolving housing crises. This assistance directly helped more than 75 children remain safely housed, avoiding the long-term impacts of displacement, school disruption, and housing instability.

Examples of Impact Made Possible by Credit One Bank Funding:

- Tamika, a single mother, avoided eviction after reduced work hours caused her to fall behind on rent. Credit One Bank funding covered her arrears, allowing her family to remain stably housed.
- Michelle and her husband, both employed parents, received emergency auto repair assistance when transportation issues threatened their ability to get to work and support their children.
- Maria and her children, facing imminent eviction, received rental assistance that kept the entire family together in their home.

Each of these outcomes represents a moment when compassion met opportunity—and because of Credit One Bank's investment, stability replaced crisis for Nevada families and individuals.

Flexible Funds Housing Problem Solving

Gene Haas Foundation Impact

With support from the Gene Haas Foundation, NHA assisted four families with rental arrears to ensure they were not evicted. Flexible funding also supported an elderly woman living with chronic health conditions who was unable to pay her rent due to medical hardship. These funds made the difference between homelessness and hope—allowing families to remain in their homes, maintain employment, or safely transition to permanent housing.

Why Flexible Funding Matters

Housing crises happen quickly—but traditional funding systems often move slowly. Flexible funding allows NHA to intervene immediately, preventing homelessness before it occurs. By addressing barriers that other funding sources cannot—such as application fees, pet deposits, and emergency repairs—this program fills critical gaps in Southern Nevada’s homelessness response system.

Flexible funds are not just financial assistance. They are a prevention strategy, a stabilization tool, and an investment in long-term housing security.



GENE HAAS FOUNDATION

Fueling the Mission

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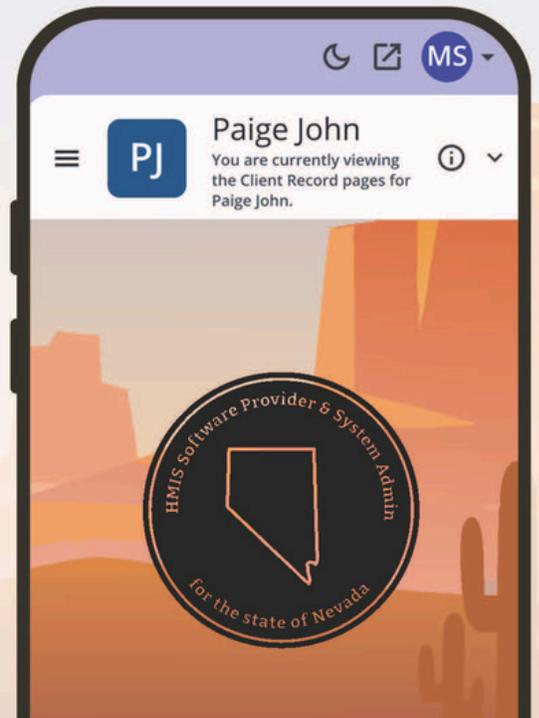
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