

Community Chest 2025 Annual Report

Mission and Programs

Founded in 1991, Community Chest, Inc. serves the greater Northwestern Nevada area with a myriad of prevention programs and formerly, two statewide initiatives: K-12 service-learning and homeless youth education. Our mission is ***“To act as a catalyst for change and a center for resources to help people help themselves, as together we build healthy families and communities.”***

Community Chest is a United Way Partner agency with a staff of more than 60 full and part-time employees, 20 youth employees, and regular volunteers. Our annual operating budget for calendar year 2025 was \$5,433,944. Community Chest, Inc. was twice a semi-finalist for the Ford Foundation Leadership for a Changing World Award (2001 and 2002).

In 2025, Community Chest celebrated its 35th year of building community at home and abroad. Our programs serve the entire age span— from early childhood education to nutrition for seniors— but the primary focus of our work is building healthy youth, families, and communities.

Program Highlights in 2025

While it appears as though we’ve left COVID mostly in the rearview mirror, we then found ourselves facing a high amount of uncertainty vis-à-vis continued funding with the transition in leadership at the Federal level. While we mostly avoided any direct hits to funding for our programs, we have noticed that there is generally less funding available and more competition for what is available.

That being written, we continued to provide counseling services face-to-face and via telehealth to hundreds of clients over the past year in many areas: personal, family, drug and alcohol prevention, domestic violence, sexual assault, and youth development. We continue to not only substantially provide counseling services to both Storey and Lyon counties, but Mineral County as well.

Along those same lines, our DV/SA Advocacy program serving victims of domestic violence and sexual assault across ALL of Storey and Lyon counties also saw

hundreds of new victims for the year.

Likewise, our COW Bus program which nearly closed pre-COVID, again had all of its 5 buses on the road, plus two in-kind classroom spaces, providing early childhood education services to 100+ children, including two buses serving 20 kiddos in Mark Twain.

Our office space in Mineral County continued to offer more and more services in 2025 including in-home case management for families of little ones under 5, case management for those looking for additional supports, community facilitation and leadership for developing capacity to address the opioid crisis, community health worker support for those needing connection to available resources, and community health worker support to kiddos in the middle and high schools who need a little bit of extra help.

As well, we've continued to provide home visitation and early childhood literacy programming in Tonopah to more than a dozen families.

Our before-and-after school and summer programs have continued operating at 100% capacity and provided a much-needed safe space for students from grades 1 – 8 to receive vital social connection and support. Indeed, summer enrollment hit a new high-water mark with 100+ students enrolled.

The County Library space underwent a major change in leadership with the retirement of the previous head librarian. This has resulted in a refresh of the “new” library space, and an uptick in monthly visits to 200+.

We have continued to see a high need for food with the rise in inflation and decrease in food benefits with more than 200 being provided with some type of food assistance.

Our Angel Tree program also saw continued high need in 2025 with upwards of 200 people who were provided a warm clothing item. This program continues to benefit from a high level of community ownership and support which helps to make all of the coordination that much easier.

Thanks to a second exam room, our partners in our new Community Center's primary health care clinic – Nevada Health Centers – provided roughly 500 appointments, on par with previous years.

Our licensed early childhood education center in Storey County has been at max capacity since it reopened in the Spring of 2019. With the addition of our Infant Care Center (serving wee ones between the ages of 6 months and 2 years), this means that we are serving nearly 50 little ones regularly, and 37 daily.

The good news is that we were able to open our new ECE center in May, 2025 which has allowed us to double the number of little ones who are seen from 37 daily to 74 daily. We are excited, too, about the new ECE Center that is project to open in Lockwood in Fall of 2025.

We continued the Nevada Family First programs in Storey, Lyon, Carson, and Hawthorne (and Tonopah) by again offering services face-to-face. This early childhood outreach program for families with kiddos under five has continued to operate at max enrollment.

The focus for agency operations has continued to be aligning and securing resources to prepare for upcoming anticipated growth in Virginia City (new ECE Center coming online in early 2025), Lockwood (new Community Center coming online in late 2025), and Hawthorne (new Community Center coming online in 2026). As with the previous year, the agency and staff continued to flourish by being resilient and by adapting to new service platforms, being flexible with their delivery of programs, and continuing to meet the needs of our ever-changing community, through all spans of life, and by holding true to the mission and values of Community Chest, Inc.

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Additional Financial Information

(From most recent Form 990 for 2025)

☐ Total Income for 2025:	\$5,920,618
☐ Total Expenses for 2025:	\$4,847,453
☐ Fund Raising Costs for 2025:	\$0
☐ Administrative Costs for 2025:	\$298,800
☐ Ending Net Assets for 2025:	\$4,006,411

Board Roster for 2025

Stacy York, President, term expires December, 2027

Shannon Parsons, Vice President, term expires December 2027

Lucy Pitto, Secretary/Treasurer, term expires December 2027

Harriet Cummings, Director, term expires December 2027

Ben Albers, Director, term expires December 2026

Jennifer McClendon, Director, term expires December 2026

Suzanne Valdez, Director, term expires December 2026

Chris Wagner, Director, term expires December 2027

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