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Greetings from WestCare Nevada,

This month, I have the pleasure of sharing with you one of the most significant months in WestCare Nevada, **National Recovery Month** which was celebrated throughout the month of September. We have dedicated ourselves to raising awareness and encouraging the recovery of the many individuals that have come through our programs. We believe that every person is capable of embarking on this healing journey when given the tools to succeed.

To encourage recovery is to give hope, and that is what we did for clients at the **Women and Children's Campus (WCC)** and **Harris Spring Ranch (HSR)** by hosting Recovery Day celebrations with the theme: Recovery is for Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community. Recovery Day took place on September 19 for the women and children at the WCC, and on September 23 for the men at HSR. At both events, clients had the opportunity to celebrate their recovery with games, food, gifts, and a symbolic balloon release. Make sure you read the heartfelt sentiments written by our clients regarding the event.

Without the help of our current and future supporters, we would not be able to provide the gift of recovery to our clients. This month we were able to attend the Vegas Golden Knights Foundation Charity

Gold Classic and 2022 Tiberti Classic golf tournament where we were given the chance to create connections within our community. We are grateful to have been granted a generous donation for the WCC from PAYSTUDIOS at this month's Community Action Council (CAC) meeting. Thank you to our donors and community partners for continuing to believe not only in the work that we do but also the potential in those that we serve.

Thank you to the staff at WestCare Nevada for the selfless work you do each day to give our clients the tools and support to start and never give up on their recovery. Some of us are in recovery ourselves and have chosen to dedicate our lives to serving others, passing on hope and proving that recovery is possible and is for everyone.



Leo Magrdichian, LCSW, LCADC, Vice President



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Recovery is For Everyone Celebration at the WCC

By Rhonda Davisson, *Transitional Coordinator, Women and Children's Campus*

In recognition of **National Recovery Month** in September, WestCare Nevada emphasized this year's theme that, "Recovery is for Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community."

On Sept. 19, the **Women and Children's Campus (WCC)** held a Celebration of Recovery co-hosted by WestCare Nevada and **Transitional Housing Placement**. The women and little ones enjoyed an afternoon filled with fun activities such as "recovery BINGO," which resulted in four lucky gift card winners! The clients enjoyed a delicious lunch that consisted of tacos with homemade tortillas, hot dogs with bacon, and other foods prepared by **Taquezoes by Rabago and Linda**. Desserts included a "recovery candy bar" with a massive amount of purple candy for all to enjoy along with cake, a WestCare cookie, and ice cream! All clients also received a purple recovery gift bag with goodies.

To highlight the importance of National Recovery Month, the clients at the WCC participated in a "Recovery Hopes and Dreams Balloon Release." The ladies wrote their recovery dates, hopes, and dreams on the balloons - which were then released into the sky.

We would like to thank the WCC staff and senior management for their support in coming to the event. The clients appreciated the kind gesture and several of them said that they felt like everyone really cares about them. Thank you for all your support in making recovery for EVERYONE!

PLAYSTUDIOS Presents a Special Gift to the WCC

By Andrew Moran, *Development Director*

At our September **WestCare Nevada Community Action Council (CAC)** meeting, we were granted a generous gift of \$15,000 for the **Women and Children's Campus (WCC)** in the form of a grant from Las Vegas-based and award-winning mobile game publisher and developer, **PLAYSTUDIOS, Inc.** Their company has over 2,000 employees and each year, they donate to a non-profit that they believe is worthy of receiving this generous award. This year, WestCare Nevada was granted a donation because of the tenacity of Mia Moore, Partnership Manager with PLAYSTUDIOS. Mia loves the philanthropy side of her job and hopes this gift will bring smiles and help to the women and families at the WCC. We want to personally thank Mia and PLAYSTUDIOS for giving back to the community and those that we serve. If you would like to learn more about PLAYSTUDIOS, please visit www.playstudios.com.



Recovery Day at Harris Springs Ranch

By Andrea Raney, Program Supervisor, Harris Springs Ranch

On Sept. 23, WestCare hosted a "Recovery Day" event at our men's residential facility, **Harris Springs Ranch**. It was a time of unity amongst the men and staff alike. Our community came together to celebrate recovery. In recognizing one's recovery, they all agreed that every day sober is a step in the right direction and that everyone's sobriety matters. Each day sober is another day to grow through their challenges and recognize their accomplishments. The event also allowed them to focus on their similarities as men in recovery from addiction, putting their differences aside. The day included the men focusing on togetherness through teambuilding events and games, a sponsored lunch, a balloon release, and treats like cake and ice cream.

The highlight of the event was the balloon release. Each man wrote their sobriety date on a balloon to be released and sent another for the addicts who are no longer with us, even pausing a moment in respect and remembrance. This day also represented a feeling of being recognized as many of the men have not celebrated anything without substances in a long time. Recovery Day was a way to celebrate themselves individually and as a community, get a glimpse of what sobriety and the beautiful life that they are on the path to live. This was a day where WestCare staff and clients alike came together to Uplift the Human Spirit!

Here's what just some of our men had to say about Recovery Day:

"Recovery Day at Harris Springs Ranch was important for numerous reasons. For one, it raised awareness about the countless tragedies in addiction and how close to home it gets. Releasing the balloons was a personal reminder that at this very moment in time, I am free from my addictions. The fun, food, games, and prizes (shoes) were an added bonus that I appreciate deeply. The things I took for granted in my addiction brought much joy to my heart. All in all, it was a much-needed day full of awareness, support, and love." - John L.

"Recovery Day taught me that every day is a clean day for me, I can let my past go, and I can have fun and still be clean. I am more focused and can enjoy life thanks to HSR giving me the tools that I need. I have a new outlook on life. Recovery Day reminded me that I'm clean, have tools that I can use in life, and am thankful for this experience. Thank you, HSR." - Matrix W.

"Recovery Day was fun and uplifting. It kept me busy all day. To me, every day after Feb. 13, 2022 has been the best. The food was great, the games were cool, and the gifts have been put to good use to help take me away from my own head. Thank you." - Paul S.

"Recovery Day was a very good day, but it was bittersweet. We were celebrating our wellness and recovery, but one of our brothers was gone, but not forgotten. All that I could think about was that he could've been there. But as we know, not everyone will make it. The events of the day were great. The tacos, the gifts, and just the energy was uplifting and contagious. Special thanks go to Mrs. Irma and Mrs. Rhonda. They're the best. What I learned most of all was that wellness is not only about you, but also the people you share time with and the importance of having good energy around you." - Thamrong H.



Congratulations, Edgar Salcido!

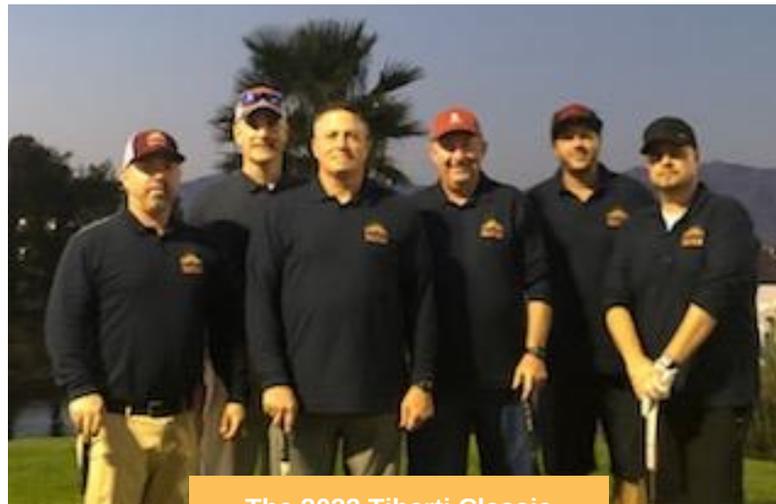
*"Originally from New Mexico, I grew up in Las Vegas and consider myself a native of the Las Vegas area. I started my career with WestCare Nevada right out of college with my bachelor's degree in psychology as a behavioral health technician. During my time at **Harris Springs Ranch**, I have been able to learn and develop in both my professional and personal life. I am only a few semesters away from completing my master's degree in social work from the University of Nevada, Reno, which will only further enhance the treatment and ways that I can continue to help our clients." - **Edgar Salcido, Program Director, Harris Springs Ranch***



Creating Connections While Helping our Community

By Andrew Moran, Development Director

Nevada's development team was able to participate in the Vegas Golden Knights Foundation Charity Golf Classic at Bear's Best Las Vegas Golf Course on Sept. 19 benefiting the Vegas Golden Knights Foundation, which provides support for local youth, members of the military, and first responders as well as local causes pertaining to health and homelessness. The week prior, Kerry Bubolz, President and Chief Operating Officer of the Vegas Golden Knights, spoke at one of our Henderson Chamber of Commerce meetings this month at the Southpoint Hotel. At the meeting, he spoke about philanthropy and what he wants to do in the community to help the underserved through the Vegas Golden Knights Foundation's various charity events. To help local causes, their foundation will auction off memorabilia, art, and even nights out with the players. We want to thank the Henderson Chamber of Commerce for bringing in amazing presenters like Mr. Bubolz so that we can ask questions and find out what is happening in our community!



The 2022 Tiberti Classic

By Andrew Moran, Development Director

This month, WestCare Nevada recently participated and sponsored a hole in The Tiberti Classic 9-hole golf tournament at the Angel Park Golf Club and had a great time! Every year, the Las Vegas Rotary Club present this event where families and children can participate in support of the cause. Before the tournament, we also had the opportunity to share with the Rotary Club all that we do! It was a great time all around and after the tournament, we all came together and had a BBQ with cheeseburgers and chicken. We'd like to thank the Las Vegas Rotary Club for putting on such a fun family event and look forward to making this a new annual tradition of ours!

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