

WASHOE COUNTY

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## **STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE:** *February 21, 2023*

- DATE: Friday, February 03, 2023
  - **TO:** Board of County Commissioners
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THROUGH: Dana Searcy, Division Director, Housing and Homeless Services

SUBJECT: Recommendation to (1) accept and acknowledge 475 pairs of socks from the Grace Community Church of Reno, a non-profit religious organization, donated to the Nevada Cares Campus totaling an estimated market value of [\$5,343.00]; (2) accept and acknowledge 1,700 cases of Pure Life bottled water from HERO Environmental donated to the Nevada Cares Campus totaling an estimated market value of [\$7,293.00]; (3) accept and acknowledge 627 pairs of socks from the Sparks High School donated to the Nevada Cares Campus totaling an estimated market value of [\$7,053.00]; (4) accept and acknowledge various winter and additional items donated to the Nevada Cares Campus from the non-profit, We Serve with Helping Hands, totaling an estimated market value of [\$981.58]; (5) accept and acknowledge 20 dozen doughnuts donated to the Nevada Cares Campus from the Doughboys Donuts in the estimated amount of [\$339.00]; (6) accept and acknowledge various winter clothing items donated to Housing and Homeless Services for people experiencing homelessness from J.D. Klippenstein, totaling an estimated market value of [\$75.00]; (7) accept and acknowledge various pet items from Washoe County Regional Animal Services donated to the Nevada Cares Campus in the estimated amount of [\$74.52]; (8) accept and acknowledge various winter clothing items donated to the Nevada Cares Campus from Washoe County, Office of the County Manager, Holiday Donation, totaling an estimated market value of [\$450.00]; [total estimated value \$21,609.10], pursuant to Washoe County Code 15.140-15.160; Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

## **SUMMARY**

Washoe County Code 15.140(1)(d) reads: 1. The board of county commissioners: (d)*Has* sole authority to receive donations of personal property where the personal property has a value, singly or in the aggregate, of \$3,000.00 or more during a fiscal year.

Washoe County Code 15.160(4) requires: An officer or employee of a department or agency of the county may accept personal property for the use and benefit of the county where the value singly or in the aggregate is less than \$3,000.00 from a contributor during a fiscal year. In such event, the officer or employee will notify the board in writing of the acceptance.

The Washoe County Housing and Homeless Services team overseeing the Nevada Cares Campus and the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care has received donations from generous community members and partner organizations within the community.

Grace Community Church of Reno donated 475 pairs of Bomba socks to the participants at the Nevada Cares Campus for client usage. HERO Environmental donated 1,700 cases of Pure Life bottled water to the Nevada Cares Campus for client usage. Every November Sparks High School hosts "Sockvember", a month-long sock drive to donate to people experiencing homelessness in our community. This year the school donated 627 pairs of socks to the Nevada Cares Campus for client usage. We Serve with Helping Hands has been a gracious partner throughout the last year, this non-profit donated the following winter and additional items: 126 men's socks, 72 women's socks, 149 men's gloves, 42 women's gloves, 132 hats, 92 scarves/ neck warmers, 85 Kleenex packs, 50 first aid kits, 18 shoelaces, 20 eyeglasses and 39 blankets to the Nevada Cares Campus for client usage. Doughboys Donuts donated 20 dozen doughnuts to the Nevada Cares Campus on an evening for client distribution. J.D Klippenstein donated various winter items such as hand warmers, candy canes, beanies and gloves to the Housing and Homeless Services team for people experiencing homelessness. These items were distributed to those staying in unsheltered settings during the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care Point in Time Count (PIT). Washoe County Regional Animal Services donated 1080 dog waste bags and 4 dog waste dispensers for pet usage at the Nevada Cares Campus. The Washoe County, Office of the County Manager collected and donated various winter items such as men and women's jackets, pullovers, reversible thermal crew, men's slippers, gloves, beanies and socks to the Nevada Cares Campus for client usage.

These donations total an estimated amount of \$21,609.10 and have provided a substantial benefit to the clients at the Nevada Cares Campus and to people experiencing homelessness in unsheltered settings.

#### Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:

Vulnerable Populations: Address homelessness with a regional approach.

#### PREVIOUS ACTION

On November 15, 2022, the Board accepted a fourth round of Nevada Cares Campus donations to Washoe County Housing and Homeless Serviced received from July 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022.

On August 16, 2022, the Board accepted a third round of Nevada Cares Campus donations to Washoe County Housing and Homeless Serviced received from April 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022.

On May 17, 2022, the Board accepted the second round of Nevada Cares Campus donations to Washoe County Housing and Homeless Services received from January 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022.

On February 15, 2022, the Board accepted the first round of Nevada Cares Campus donations to Washoe County Housing and Homeless Services received from September 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021, on February 15, 2022.

#### BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Housing and Homeless Services team reports donations received for the Nevada Cares Campus and the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care (CoC) on a quarterly basis. This staff report includes donations from October 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022.

## FISCAL IMPACT

There is no budget impact as these items are not cash donations.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to (1) accept and acknowledge 475 pairs of socks from the Grace Community Church of Reno, a non-profit religious organization, donated to the Nevada Cares Campus totaling an estimated market value of [\$5,343.00]; (2) accept and acknowledge 1,700 cases of Pure Life bottled water from HERO Environmental donated to the Nevada Cares Campus totaling an estimated market value of [\$7,293.00]; (3) accept and acknowledge 627 pairs of socks from the Sparks High School donated to the Nevada Cares Campus totaling an estimated market value of [\$7,053.00]; (4) accept and acknowledge various winter and additional items donated to the Nevada Cares Campus from the non-profit, We Serve with Helping Hands, totaling an estimated market value of [\$981.58]; (5) accept and acknowledge 20 dozen doughnuts donated to the Nevada Cares Campus from the Doughboys Donuts in the estimated amount of [\$339.00]; (6) accept and acknowledge various winter clothing items donated to Housing and Homeless Services for people experiencing homelessness from J.D. Klippenstein, totaling an estimated market value of [\$75.00]; (7) accept and acknowledge various pet items from Washoe County Regional Animal Services donated to the Nevada Cares Campus in the estimated amount of [\$74.52]; (8) accept and acknowledge various winter clothing items donated to the Nevada Cares Campus from Washoe County, Office of the County Manager, Holiday Donation, totaling an estimated market value of [\$450.00]; [total estimated value \$21,609.10], pursuant to Washoe County Code 15.140-15.160.

# POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *Move* to (1) accept and acknowledge 475 pairs of socks from the Grace Community Church of Reno, a non-profit religious organization, donated to the Nevada Cares Campus totaling an estimated market value of [\$5,343.00]; (2) accept and acknowledge 1,700 cases of Pure Life bottled water from HERO Environmental donated to the Nevada Cares Campus totaling an estimated market value of [\$7,293.00]; (3) accept and acknowledge 627 pairs of socks from the Sparks High School donated to the Nevada Cares Campus totaling an estimated market value of [\$7,053.00]; (4) accept and acknowledge various winter and

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