

ART MART HELPS SICKLE CELL CLINIC

The Aaron Brothers Art Mart, 967 East Sahara Avenue, conducted an art swap meet and show for local black artists to help commemorate Las Vegas' annual Black History Week. Mayor Oran Gragson proclaimed Black History Week to be February 9 through February 15. During that week, 30% of the commission on sales went to the Economic Opportunity Board's Sickle Cell Anemia Clinic and 70% went to the artist.

Tom Smith, Aaron Brothers' district manager, arranged for approximately a dozen local professional and amateur black artists as well as students from the University of Nevada at Las Vegas to participate in this event.

DRUG BOARD AT YOUTH FAIR



Economic Opportunity Board Drug Program Supervisor Michelle Mango (left) Alcoholism Supervisor Louise Robertson (center), and alcoholism counselor Paul Faulkner manned the EOB Alcoholism Program's booth at the recent Youth Fair, held at the Convention Center. The purpose of the booth was to help young persons learn more about the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse, an expanding problem in Clark County and across the country.

A large area in the store parking lot and sidewalk was set aside to display ceramics, crafts, and painting done in acrylic, oil, and water color. The art swap meet ran concurrently with Black History Week during normal store hours.

The EOB's Health Services supervisor, Mrs. Esther Bell, explained the the EOB will use the funds donated by Aaron Brothers for the continued support of the Las Vegas Sickle Cell Anemia Clinic. The clinic operates a sickle cell anemia clinic program free-of-charge and includes blood testing and counseling. The clinic located at 940-A West Owens Avenue, is open to all persons over two years of age, every Tuesday and Thursday night from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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When you write to your Congressmen, ask them to support the WIC bill in their house of Congress. Tell them about the medical benefits there have been: improvements -in clinics, increased clinic participation, more interest in nutrition, etc. You can also point out the economic benefits of WIC, such as the funneling of money into the local economy and employing more people.

Most of you probably know that Operation Life runs a WIC program for Medicaid persons. Those who are participating in the program are also aware that we've been frequently experiencing problems with the state in sending us the WIC funds to finance the service. This is the fault of the state's bureaucracy, and is not our fault. Operation Life wishes to make everybody aware of this fact, so they will place the blame where it belongs--on the Nevada bureaucrats. We're doing everything we can to make the program run smoothly and to serve as many people as possible, so we hope you will be patient and bear with us.

However, if Congress doesn't act to save WIC, there will be no program for us to improve. So please write to Senators Paul Laxalt and Howard Cannon and to Congressman James Santini, asking their support of the WIC bills. The women at Operation Life will be glad to help anyone write letters. We sincerely feel that the good health and nutrition of our children is so important that we cannot let WIC die. It's time for action!

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