

Hunger

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Community Food Bank.

Several attending sponsors brought giveaways and resource information about their community services. Several of the organizations that attended have been long-time supporters of the food bank.

College Park Baptist Church Associate Pastor James Kruber and several members of the church were there to inform the community of their outreach program.

Pastor Kruber described his lengthy, ongoing relationship with Bessie as a "blessing to our ministry."

He continued, "We have 50 volunteers, and we distribute food, clothing, diapers and dishes. Come every Tuesday from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m."

Pastor Kruber was very proud of their efforts toward feeding the hungry.

"God said 'go out and help the world' and 'knock on the door, and it shall be opened,' and we open it," Kruber explained.

Also present was HELP of

Southern Nevada whose mission is to assist families and individuals to overcome barriers and attain self-sufficiency through their direct services is also a strong supporter of the food bank.

HELP provides a wide range of services. They offer the Community Alternative Sentencing Program giving court appointed volunteers the opportunity to serve the community; the Emergency Resource Services which connects those needing help with those providing human services; the Westernization Program and the Displaced Homemaker Program that sharpens job seeking skills.

HELP of Southern Nevada offers several other programs that assist locals.

"Partners in Time" the community involvement program of Macy's Department Store supports the [Community] Food Bank when sponsoring their annual hunger drives. Representing the Boulevard Macy's were Merchandise Managers Shirley Ariagna and Nickki Ryan.

"We've always worked closely with Bessie and



Rene Proby, left, was the recipient of the grand prize airline ticket presented by a Southwest Airlines representative.

thought it was nice to come and show our support" said Ariagna.

West Care Nevada is a provider of health and human services in both residential and outpatient environments.

Representing West Care from the Rancho/Duncan location were purchasing agent Lydia Soto and Lisa Clark. Soto purchases for all West Care facilities from the Community Food Bank.

Both West Care representatives shed light on the many reasons that subject young people to the woes of hunger.

"Prostitution and drug abuse compel young people to visit the garbage bins outside of restaurants and fast foods for their daily food," stated Soto.

West Care Nevada services include substance abuse, addiction treatment, homeless and runaway shelters, vocational counseling and mental health programs.

The services of West Care are available to adults, children, adolescents and families.

A new grocer in the area is Sav A Lot, with two stores in the valley located at Eastern and Charleston and at Bonanza and Rancho.

Sav A Lot pledged to match all food donations made to the food bank on National Hunger Awareness Day.

Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County was present and represented by Intensive Case Mgr. Jacqueline Banks. Though now under the umbrella of

Clark County Family Development, who took on the financial responsibilities of the organization, it still continues to work closely with the food bank to service the remaining up and running programs.

Southwest Airlines raffled off several prizes, including traveling suitcases on wheels and an airline ticket to anywhere Southwest flies. The raffle money was donated to the food bank.

Rene Proby won the grand prize — the airline ticket.

The president of the Culture Committee, Laurie A. Biddle, represented Southwest Airlines. The committee is a nationwide, system-wide, cultural diversity program.

"We maintain the system-wide Southwest Spirit — a family airline," stated Biddle.

Supporting the food bank is the Southwest way of maintaining the company's community spirit, she said.

For more information or to make a donation to the Community Food Bank, call 702 643-0074.

Breast Cancer

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The research may lead to a better understanding of what causes the aggressive subtype of breast cancer, said Dr. Eric Winer, director of the breast oncology center at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. He was not involved in the study.

He said it is unclear whether this subtype is occurring because of an inherited predisposition or because of something in the environment that Black women are more likely to be exposed to. He added that disparities in access to treatment still probably account for much of the higher mortality rate among young Black women.

In the study, death rates remained higher for younger Black women even when the basal-like subtype cases were removed from the data. That suggests that other factors such as access to screening and treatment also play

a role in the disparity. "Biology is only part of the puzzle," Carey said. "Access to health care is very important."

Margaret Rosenzweig of the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, who was not involved in the UNC study, said Black women may be less likely than White women to follow through on their treatment.

Rosenzweig and her colleagues, in a small study presented in Atlanta last week at the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, showed that poor Black women with breast cancer had more difficulty understanding and accepting their treatment than other racial and income groups. "Clinicians in cancer care need to make a concerted effort to make sure Black women understand why they're getting the treatment they're getting and following through with it," Rosenzweig said.

Trumpet

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conference and stated that, "This prestigious event demonstrates our ability to weave diversity into the fabric of our company and provide access, inspiration and validation for our commitment."

Mayor Oscar Goodman personally presented the representatives of the Trumpet Awards a proclamation that June 1, 2006, was Trumpet Awards Foundation Day.

State Senator Steve Horsford thanked the Trumpet Awards for choosing Las Vegas as the location for their awards in 2007.

This will be the first time the awards have not been held in Atlanta, Ga., since its inception in 1993.

Councilman Lawrence Weekly said "how blessed and honored we are to be here and to experience the vision with this extraordinary opportunity."

Clayton spoke about her excitement about the awards in Las Vegas. "I have dealt with people all of my life and have negotiated many, many times. The Bellagio is stupendous. We believe we have come home. But I want to stress we are not lucky, we are blessed with our association with this wonderful institution."

She thanked the MGM/Mirage for their commitment for 300 volunteers to help with the event and all of the support of everyone including the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, politicians from both Nevada and Georgia and the entertainers, including host Chris Tucker.

The awards will be broadcast on TV One (on Cox Cable 363 and Direct TV 24) and TV One is Black-owned and public response has quadrupled since its broadcast of the award ceremony in 2005.

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