



## FRIENDS IN SERVICE HELPING

### Executive Director Update

As you may know, we are ready to take the next step in our “**Revitalization Program**.” Two years ago, we purchased the run-down Whistle Stop property. Last year we purchased some of the adjoining property. Now we are ready to take down the existing buildings on the property to build new 3-story apartment towers, and a commercial building (commercial building was required by the City code since our development project is on Carson St.)



Our beautiful new buildings will help revitalize the Carson City landscape, they will help to revitalize our workforce, and will help revitalize families by directly impacting generational poverty. The apartments will be used to provide low-cost to no-cost transitional housing (similar concept to traditional college housing/scholarships) for families that have the work experience, skills and aptitude to successfully take on technical training classes helping them move from “minimum wage to meaningful careers.” We are providing training to our local labor force so they can fill higher paying open positions in the area, i.e. the workforce will be revitalized! This career training includes, but is not limited to: Healthcare, Construction Management, IT (Information Technology), Advanced Manufacturing, Journeymen Electrician, HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning), and CDL Truck Driving. Our program will provide education that results in technical certifications and not 4-year degrees.

We discovered that when family members get the support they need to take training beyond high school, the families (children, spouses and even siblings) mimic the study skills of the program participants. This provides a secondary benefit: there is a generational impact for the families as they are motivated to join program participants in improving their future. The entire family is revitalized as their self-esteem, skill level, and goals increase!

This project requires significant collaboration. FISH is focused on food, financial burdens, housing and coaching aspects of this program while partners have other roles. These partners include, Western Nevada College, C.I.R.C.L.E.S. Initiative, Northern Nevada Development Authority, DETR, Carson Health & Human Services, NV Rural Housing as well as others..

On Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be holding our “Celebrity Waiter” fundraiser that will begin with a formal ground-breaking ceremony on the former Whistle Stop property (all the buildings will be gone by that time). We invite the community to join us. Dinner will be \$80 per person, \$150 per couple, or \$600 per table of 8. Check out our website and Facebook for more details ([www.nvfish.com](http://www.nvfish.com) & @nvfish).

Please come out and help us celebrate this new beginning in Carson City!

**This project is more than half-way funded so we are looking for additional support. Email [Jim@nvfish.com](mailto:Jim@nvfish.com) if you would like to help and or have naming support opportunities.**



FISH provides Food, Instruction, Shelter, and Healthcare to community members in need, so that they may improve their self-sufficiency through life-changing experiences.



Carson Admin & Thrift:  
Minden Thrift:  
Gardnerville Ranchos Services:  
Mound House Thrift:

#### Locations

138 E. Long St.  
1561 Hwy 395  
921 Mitch Dr.  
10126 Hwy 50E

775-882-FISH (3474)  
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## A Special FISH Story



**Dawnyel Algien**

I have always been hesitant about telling my story, how it will sound, etc. All the stuff that runs through a recovering and insecure addict's mind. Well, here goes nothing...

In 2016, I got my last DUI in Colorado. I decided to leave there and move back to Nevada to change my son's and my life once again. I was on the run for about three months or so. My parents took care of my son as I hit the streets hard. I kept using meth and couldn't find my way back until I was stranded in Vegas. We had rolled the truck on the freeway going about 50mph. The driver almost lost their arm, and all I

had was a minor scratch on my knee. I knew that was a sign from God that life is too short; get it together. We were finally able to get a ride back to Carson City. We went through the craziest storm I could imagine. Lightning was hitting the ground right next to the car, the brightest thing ever. I knew at that moment God was trying to talk to me. I prayed to God to just get me home, and I will find a rehab and get my baby and be the mom you intended me to be.

We made it back to Carson City. I made some phone calls and asked my mom to drop me off to detox at WellCare in Reno, then was transported to the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission. That's where I met Tammy Treadwell, otherwise known as "Mama." She helped me not only learn a whole new way of life, but she led me to Christ. I did the program for a year and came out a whole new person. Once I graduated, I became a house manager for a recovery program that ended up unsuccessful, but that's okay because that was when FISH came in and turned my adventure of life into something incredible. In 2018, Jim Peckham took a chance and hired me as FISH's receptionist. Two months later, another chance was taken on me, and FISH approved me to live in their Transitional Housing while being employed. I was lucky and was not going to let them down! I worked for FISH for two years, then went on to Panasonic. Working at Panasonic allowed me to save a little extra money for a deposit on an apartment. I was in Transitional Housing for three years as they let me stay one additional year to help build me up. We have moved out and can now afford a "normal" rent bill.

FISH is generous and amazing at what they do. I always enjoyed working there too. A Hand Up, Not a Hand Out... I would say I'm the one that received a hand-up, not a handout. I am blessed and thankful to say I love my FISH family. I've had custody of my son since I graduated from the program. Our relationship has grown so much as well. July 28th, 2022, will be six years clean off meth. Thank you to all that had a part in my recovery!



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### Fast Forward 4 Families: Deans List Edition

Two of our Fast Forward 4 Families participants landed on the Fall 2021 Western Nevada College Dean's List. Taking courses in Manufacturing, Sarah Krites earned a spot on the Dean's List the last *two* semesters as she's carried a 4.0 GPA while maintaining full-time employment plus raising her three children. "I had every roadblock possible, and I still made my dreams happen. It boils down to what I was willing to sacrifice to make what I want a reality."

James Girdner, a father and partner, who also made the Dean's List, is earning his certificate in Information Technology. "This program has shown me I can do things for myself, which I never thought possible before. I am in my second semester of college and am going for a certificate and then a degree. I have been self-sufficient by working, going to school, and paying bills. I am grateful for FF4F."



### Regional and National Recognition



Carson City based non-profit, Friends In Service Helping, named as runner up in PGA national 'Charity of the Year' contest



Thank you to The Barracuda Championship for nominating our local charity!

Thank you, Carson City, for recognizing our top priority:  
Social Services







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# Have A Heart



Groundbreaking Fundraiser with Celebrity Waiters



**MAY 21 @ FUTURE FISH TRANSITIONAL HOUSING:  
1421 N. CARSON ST.**

**\$80/TICKET**  
**\$150/COUPLE**  
**\$600/TABLE OF 8**

**PURCHASE YOUR  
TICKET NOW!**  
**NVFISH.COM/DONATE**  
**LIMITED SEATING  
AVAILABLE**

**DOORS OPEN 4:30**  
**GROUNDBREAKING 5:00**  
**DINNER & RAFFLE 5:30**



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## Volunteers

*There are not enough words that would explain our gratitude for our volunteers. The selflessness of these individuals keeps FISH's world on its axis. We hope we have said it enough, thank you. If you would like to get involved in one of our many departments, email [info@nvfish.com](mailto:info@nvfish.com). We are always in need of extra help!*



**2021  
Volunteer  
Stats**

**334  
Active  
Volunteers**



**26,511.5  
Hours**





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## *A Special Thank You to Our FISH Members!*

7-Eleven	City National Bank	Great Basin Consulting	Nature's Bakery	Snap On Tools	
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Carson City Host Lions Club	Food Bank of Northern Nevada	Kopfhammer Charitable Fund	Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation	Valley Christian Fellowship	
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		Robert Coombs	Christopher Finn		
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All these Donors qualify as a "FISH Member" when as a family they donate at least \$500 a year, or as an organization, \$1,000 a year.



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## Food Services Matching Challenge

**Did you know \$100 can feed 40 people at our Family Dining Room? In this case, your \$100 donation would feed 80 people!**

The Nara Fund is challenging community members to help provide food to those in need. They will donate \$1 for every \$1 that you donate - up to \$17,000.

Please help FISH raise enough to take advantage of this match through June 30, 2022.

We have the chance to provide *more* and *better* *quality* food for our clients this year.

Thank you, Nara Fund, for this amazing opportunity as we continue our mission to take a bite out of hunger.

Head to [www.nvfish.com/donate](http://www.nvfish.com/donate)

