

VILLAGE TALK

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MISSION VISION & VALUES

Opportunity Village is a not-for-profit organization that serves people throughout our community with intellectual disabilities, to enhance their lives and the lives of the families who love them.

Opportunity Village Celebrates Mardi Gras 2010

On a beautiful February day, the Opportunity Village Engelstad Family Campus was transformed into "Bourbon Street" as clients from Projects PRIDE, Enable and the Art Enrichment Program celebrated Mardi Gras! With colorful floats, festive umbrellas, decorative masks and lots of Mardi Gras beads the event kicked off with a parade led by the Dixieland sounds of the Pat Marlin Band. The event was organized by Daniel Tacket, PRIDE Activities Coordinator, and it gave Opportunity Village clients a chance to learn more about Mardi Gras traditions while exploring their creativity.



Primarily an employment training facility, Opportunity Village also features programs like [PRIDE](#), [Enable](#), [Art Enrichment](#) and the newly created TRAP music program as alternatives to traditional day services. The Mardi Gras parade was used as a learning experience as clients in the different programs researched the meaning of the special occasion, planned how to decorate their floats and worked together to bring their creations to life. That social interaction is a vital component of the overall mission of Opportunity Village. While the Mardi Gras parade was a special event, the skills involved in making it a success are on display every day at each of the three campuses. To see these skills put into action, call (702) 259-3741 to schedule a tour.

Volunteer Spotlight - Trooper Kevin Honea & Family

Nevada Highway Patrol Sergeant Kevin Honea has been volunteering regularly at Opportunity Village since 2004. From his first involvement with an Opportunity Village special event, Sergeant Honea realized the importance of volunteers to the organization, so, even while working full-time, he found the time to help with a wide variety of fundraising events. After a couple of years, a job promotion made it impossible to keep the same schedule but he knew he still had to be involved. Sergeant Honea now volunteers at the Walters Campus, and can be seen working on business contracts such as rolling cutlery. His wife and three teenage kids recently got into the action by spending some time at the [Opportunity Village Thrift Store](#). The sergeant's family got involved because of the Disney volunteer incentive program and now they feel an overwhelming desire to keep volunteering at Opportunity Village. "We've made new friends that are the most dedicated and hard-working people you will ever find," said Sergeant Honea.

He defines the time he spends with the men and women as inspirational, eye-opening and cathartic. "Opportunity Village is like a therapist's couch for me, a reality check. I am constantly amazed at the pride they have and the joy they take in their work. I feel fulfilled after spending the day with them," he said.

If you are interested in joining Sergeant Honea and his family alongside the people of Opportunity Village, call Sharon Williams at 702-839-4756.

Meet Nikki Lee - An Opportunity Village Shining Star



My Name is Nikki Lee and I am the Engelstad intern in the Resource Development Office at Opportunity Village. I love working for Linda and everybody. I get to speak to others about people with disabilities and I work hard at my job entering data. I want to thank Mrs. Engelstad for giving me the chance to work at Opportunity Village. I am very proud! If you would like information on sponsoring an Opportunity Village scholarship, please contact Cary Harned at (702) 880-4061.

56th Annual Awards Breakfast - April 20

Please join us at Opportunity Village on Tuesday, April 20, at 7:30 am as we honor outstanding community members and organizations at the 56th Annual Opportunity Village Awards Breakfast.

This event proudly recognizes people and businesses who have contributed to the growth of Opportunity Village.

Tables for this wonderful networking event are \$600, and individual seats are \$65 / each. Breakfast will be prepared by Executive Chef Rick Giffen of the Stratosphere Hotel & Casino. Call Seana Pitrone at (702) 839-4757 if you'd like to attend.



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