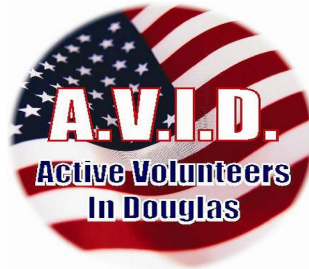


ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS IN DOUGLAS

Douglas County, Nevada

A Multi-Year Report, 2011-2015



Active Volunteers in Douglas (A.V.I.D.) serves as an umbrella organization for volunteers in twenty-nine non-profits, corporations with volunteer programs, and several County Departments. The volunteers gave over 256,488 hours in 2015, filling a wide variety of needs in Douglas County. In 2015, The Independent Sector values Nevada volunteer contributions at \$20/hour. That places the value to our community of the 3075 A.V.I.D.-affiliated volunteers at \$5,129,760. The value from volunteers who serve County Departments represents over 28 percent of the total value, which signifies a considerable contribution to the quality of life in the County and savings to tax payers.

A.V.I.D. began in 2005. It has always been administered by volunteers.

**A.V.I.D.'s purpose guides its programs:
To promote, maintain and support volunteerism
in all county communities and provide avenues
for recognition and encouragement of volunteers.**

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Programs

- **Volunteer-Of-The-Month**

Member organizations have an opportunity every other year to submit an individual recognition for Volunteer-of-the-Month. These are posted on the website and submitted for publication to *The Record-Courier* and *Carson Valley Times*. Volunteers are also recognized at the Annual Picnic by Volunteer Coordinators.

- **Annual Member Volunteer Recognition Picnic**

The September Picnic venue provides a way to thank the volunteers of member organizations with food, entertainment, community-provided raffle prizes, and personal recognitions and awards.

- **Volunteer Recognition, Promotion of the Use of Presidential Awards and Nevada State Governor's Awards**

A.V.I.D. encourages all member organizations to have their own methods of volunteer recognition as well as applying for the Presidential Volunteer Service Awards and the Nevada Governor's awards. A.V.I.D. also provides grants that can be applied to award plaques and certificates.

- **Grants To Member Organizations**

From the beginning, A.V.I.D. has had a grants program for members. The propose of the grants is to create a positive environment for volunteers which can include aspects of the volunteer work space, recognition items, tee shirts with the A.V.I.D. and member organization logos, and work materials for volunteers. To date, twelve grants have been awarded for a total of \$3,944. The maximum per grant request is \$500.

- **Mentoring**

A.V.I.D. board members and organization volunteer coordinators have considerable experience working with and managing volunteers. Their knowledge and skills are shared with A.V.I.D. member organizations as needs arise. This includes the sharing of administrative and managerial policies and procedures, State laws that affect volunteers, information on training in the area and State, and national volunteer organizations, and putting member organizations in touch with other entities with which they can coordinate or cooperate.

- **Communications, Promotion**

A.V.I.D.'s website provides a tool for any person to locate the best volunteer options for their needs. In addition to a listing for each member organization, there are updates on current one-time and on-going volunteer needs. The County Parks and Recreation semi-annual activities booklet includes information on A.V.I.D. A.V.I.D. joined Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce in 2015 and plans to produce a brochure for the Welcome Packets, has a small ad in the new Carson Valley Chamber Map and will host a Chamber Coffee in 2016.

Through local supporters of KUNR, A.V.I.D. has been promoted with 15 second advertisements on the radio three times in the past two years. The flyer for A.V.I.D. is structured to allow for the addition of new members with ease. It is available at various locations in Carson Valley, is at the annual Senior Health Fair at the Community Center and the Business Showcase at the Sheriff's Department table.

In 2015, a cling sticker with logo and website was produced with the following: "When You Give You Get". There are also A.V.I.D. logo lapel pins.

Annually, all member organizations provide two sets of data: their total number of volunteers and the total number of hours the volunteers have given. This information is compiled, a commentary written for *The Record-Courier* and *Carson Valley Times* and the information sent to the Nevada State volunteer coordinator and Corporation for National Community Service.

OPERATIONS

A.V.I.D. operates as a 501(c)3. The by-laws require a chair, secretary and treasurer. Meetings are held bi-monthly and all member organizations are encouraged to send a representative. A.V.I.D. maintains a post office box and phone for messages. A 2016 goal is to establish an A.V.I.D. e-mail account.

FUNDING AND EXPENDITURES

The initial funding was from the F2 Foundation. In 2015, by mutual agreement with Douglas County Courts and Victim Impact Panels of Douglas County, income from DUI Court-Required classes now goes to A.V.I.D. (VIP-DC is a member of A.V.I.D.) Occasionally, funds are donated from individuals and local businesses. All raffle prizes for the Annual Picnic are donated from local businesses and individuals. Annual expenses include: Post Office Box rental,

Website management, advertising and promotion costs, Chamber membership, the volunteer Picnic, and administrative expenses such as printing, postage stamps and bank costs.

FEEDBACK

Questions, suggestions and support regarding A.V.I.D. are welcome. Please write to the P. O. Box or contact the Chair, Sgt. Pat Brooks, 775-782-9931 (lpbrooks@co.douglas.nv.us) or the Secretary, Dr. MaryEllen Conaway, 775-265-7651 (meconaway@charter.net).

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Service organizations and churches are not included in the A.V.I.D. purview. Any Douglas County non-profit, or business that operates a volunteer program, may become a member of A.V.I.D. There is no fee.

Boys & Girls Club of Western Nevada	Douglas County Sheriff's Department
Carson Valley Arts Council	Douglas County Workforce Development Program
Carson Valley Community Food Closet	ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada
Carson Valley Community Theatre	Family Support Council of Douglas County
Carson Valley Medical Center	Kids & Horses, Inc.
Count Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	Medical Reserve Corps of Nevada Health
Douglas Animal Welfare Group (DAWG)	Main Street Gardnerville
Douglas County Backpack Buddies	Main Street Minden
Douglas Community Emergency Response (CERT)	Minden-Tahoe Airport
Douglas County Historical Society	Partnership of Community Resources
Douglas County Parks and Recreation	Special Advocates for Elderly (SAFE)
Douglas County Public Library	Suicide Prevention Network of Douglas County
Douglas County School District	Victim Impact Panel-Douglas County
Douglas County Senior Services	Welcome All Veterans Everywhere (WAVE)
	Young At Heart (YAH)