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Find Volunteer Opportunities & Donation Offers, a Spotlight on Efforts to Support Each Other & Information about Neighborhood Dance Parties

Visit www.InItTogetherSNV.com for Information

An effort to match volunteer opportunities and donation offers with organizations in need, highlight efforts to support each other in response to COVID-19, and bring mobile dance parties to local neighborhoods to boost spirits and provide a burst of exercise and stress relief was unveiled today.

Information about all these efforts is available at the In It Together Southern Nevada website located at www.InItTogetherSNV.com, a collaboration involving Clark County, area cities and partnering agencies.

As part of the initiative, the public and participating agencies are encouraged to share information about people and organizations in Southern Nevada doing inspiring things to help our community using the hashtags #InItTogetherSNV, #StayStrong and #StayHomeForNevada. Photos, videos and stories nominating locals to be recognized can be emailed to the website for sharing at ContactUs@InItTogetherSNV.com.

In conjunction with the effort, The Clark County Parks and Recreation Department is seeking to boost community spirits and provide a burst of exercise and stress relief by bringing socially distanced driveway dance parties to local neighborhoods. The department has outfitted a van, complete with a DJ and public address system, to roll into local neighborhoods interested in hosting a dance party visit.

The dance mobile operates on weekdays and can be scheduled as staffing permits to visit neighborhoods to play a song or two to encourage residents to wave to their neighbors and show off their dance moves all while staying home and maintaining a safe distance apart. Residents can step outside their front doors to their porches, patios or front yards, or stay inside and join in by demonstrating support through their living room windows.

Media Note: At 10 a.m. today, Clark County Commission Vice Chairman Lawrence Weekly and the dance mobile will visit the Marble Manor complex near Washington and Martin Luther King Boulevard. As part of the activity, the commissioner and County staff will be distributing kits with school supplies, books and hygiene items to residents provided by the Direct Care to Kids initiative. Direct Care to Kids is a partnership of the Public Education Foundation, Spread the Word Nevada and Communities in Schools Nevada to help meet

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the immediate hygiene needs of at-risk students and provide them with books and educational materials to support learning at home while schools are closed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The activity will start on Morgan Avenue and M Street, one block east of the Andre Agassi Boys and Girls Club. Media are encouraged to set up on M Street between Morgan and McWilliams avenues.

“The coronavirus outbreak has presented many challenges in our community, especially in our lower-income neighborhoods where people struggle with meeting their needs on a daily basis, let alone in the middle of a pandemic,” said Commissioner Weekly. “The dance party concept is a creative way to de-stress, support each other and have some fun all while staying home and maintaining social distance as our health experts recommend. I also want to thank our community partners for the supplies they provided to make today’s dance mobile activity even more meaningful for Marble Manor’s residents.”

A form posted on the In It Together Southern Nevada website allows people to request a dance mobile visit by providing the address of a driveway in a hosting neighborhood and contact information for the resident making the request. The vehicle will park briefly in a safe spot on a neighborhood street or driveway and play music and move on. Residents are asked to stay on their own property while enjoying the activity and not follow the van as it moves through a neighborhood. Song requests can be made when submitting requests online. Residents will receive an email confirming the date and time of their dance party. Participating neighborhoods are encouraged to share videos and photos with the In It Together SNV website or post them on social media sites using campaign hashtags.

Tips suggesting different ways people can help the community stay strong and weather the coronavirus together are posted on the In It Together Southern Nevada website and will be shared on social media. Suggestions include familiar hygiene tips such as hand washing and social distancing. Other ideas include sending thank you notes to healthcare workers and first responders, checking on neighbors who live alone, and supporting a local business by ordering takeout or shopping for a friend, relative or neighbor.

Additionally, Clark County’s Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC), which is coordinating the response to the outbreak with the state of Nevada, local cities and multiple agencies, has posted forms on the In It Together Southern Nevada website for people seeking opportunities to volunteer or donate supplies.

“I could not be prouder of our community’s response to the outbreak,” said Clark County Commission Chairman Marilyn Kirkpatrick. “We put this campaign and website together to give our residents one place they can go to see some of the amazing ways our community has rallied to help each other. You can visit the website to learn ways pitch in and also find resources that might be helpful to you. We truly are in this together and will get through it together.”

Volunteers with medical and health-care backgrounds sign up through the SERV-NV program to join the Medical Reserve Corps of Southern Nevada. A link to the state’s SERV-NV website is posted on the volunteer page. People who want to volunteer to support general tasks in the local area also are invited to fill out an online registration form posted on the page. MACC staff will follow up with those who register on the site to connect them with volunteer opportunities. Volunteer tasks that the MACC has helped coordinate include requests to shop for people who can’t leave their homes, assistance with unloading donations of equipment and supplies, and supporting temporary sheltering activities. MACC personnel also are working closely with the United Way of Southern Nevada and other non-profit organizations to fulfill requests for volunteers. Volunteers are unpaid and must not be among those considered at high risk for exposure to coronavirus if they leave their homes, as identified by U.S. Centers for Disease Control guidelines including the elderly and people with underlying health conditions.

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Organizations and citizens who wish to donate personal protective equipment (PPE), cleaning supplies and other items to assist with the community's response to COVID-19 also can fill out a donation offer form posted on the In It Together Southern Nevada website. This page of the website also includes a link to a list of non-profit organizations posted on Clark County's website that summarizes their activities in the community and their requested needs. The In It Together Southern Nevada website also includes a section with links to a variety of COVID-19 community online resources. The list of websites includes the state's Nevada Health Response, Southern Nevada Health District, Clark County, area cities and other agencies.

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