

Opinion: Donation keeps doors open at Austin's House

To the community,

Austin's House recently received a fantastic donation of \$65,000 from Patty Clark, founder of the Austin Kirby Foundation. Patty and her colleagues at Century 21 Clark Properties work vigorously the entire year to raise donations for Austin's House with fundraisers and direct requests.

The Austin Kirby Foundation is the largest single donor for Austin's House. The nonprofit emergency shelter home is named in honor of Patty's grandson, Austin Kirby.

The generosity of our community built Austin's House and continues to sustain it through donations of cash, food, clothing and other basic necessities. Austin's House is the only emergency children's shelter in rural Northern Nevada. The children are placed at Austin's House after being removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. These children have no place else to go. Austin's House provides the basic living necessities including proper nutrition, hygiene, rest, nurturing, recreation, companionship, education, and life skills training. Austin's House has cared for more than 200 children since opening in September 2007.

Thanks to the community and individuals like Patty Clark, the staff at Austin's House will continue to provide compassionate care for the children in crisis who need it the most. If you would like to know more about the Austin Kirby Foundation, please contact Patty Clark at (775) 782.7111.

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