

# **Letter: Austin's House thankful for support**

**To the community,**

Employees from three local Starbucks stores recently made their mark in our community by doing the annual spring yard cleanup at Austin's House. Friendly partners from Starbucks stores located in Minden, Gardnerville, and North Carson Crossing participated in this community service event for the fifth straight year.

Starbucks has been a great supporter of Austin's House, with donations and volunteer work. Starbucks employees also served the refreshments and helped with set up and tear down for the "Goldilocks on Trial" play to benefit Austin's House.

There was also another landscape improvement. An autumn purple white ash tree was donated anonymously to shade the front of Austin's House. David Ruf, owner of Greenhouse Garden Center, donated the labor and equipment for planting the tree.

Austin's House is the only emergency children's shelter in rural Northern Nevada. Austin's House provides services and care for up to 10 children from infants to age 18. The children are placed at Austin's House after being removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. Austin's House provides the basic living necessities including proper nutrition, hygiene, rest, nurturing, recreation, companionship, life skills training and education. The facility depends on continued generous support from the community to keep the doors open.

**Conrad Buedel, Austin House**