

Letter: Austin's House thankful for support

To the community,

The board of directors and staff of Austin's House would like to thank the entire community for the tremendous support of our ninth annual Cowboy Mardi Gras fundraiser in February.

Our successful event was another display of how wonderful and supportive the Carson Valley and Carson City communities are. Each dollar raised is used to support ongoing operational expenses at Austin's House to provide emergency shelter and compassionate care to children ages 0-18 who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect.

We would like to express a special thank you to Patty Clark, founder of the Austin Kirby Foundation, and foundation supporters, for their very generous donation of \$52,500. A huge thank you to our event sponsors, Dick Campagni Carson City Toyota and GE Oil & Gas. The fundraising committee also thanks Bill Henderson and his staff at the Carson Valley Inn for the exceptional customer service during the planning of the event and the event itself. The fun and flashy table decorations were donated by Jennifer McLaughlin at Sierra Event Rentals. Much appreciation to each business and/or individual that donated items for the silent auction/raffle, the list is long and we appreciate your generosity. We also could not have pulled off such an event without the help of our many volunteers. You know who you are and you are invaluable to Austin's House.

Additional appreciation goes out to the following businesses/individuals for purchasing tables:

Coldwell Banker – Minden/Carson City
Douglas County

Edward Jones – James Berston
Guild Mortgage – Minden
Heritage Law
Hettrick Electric
Sierra View Equipment
Town of Genoa
United Electrical Services
Patty Clark
Rick Lusby
Vicki Preston
Brenda Robertson
David Shriver.

Austin's House relies on the generosity of the Northern Nevada community to continue our mission of caring for children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. We must raise more than 50 percent of our operating expenses, and we are so grateful for your support. For other ways to assist throughout the year, call 775.267.6711.

Thank you,

Jacquie Manoukian, vice president board of directors