CARE Chest celebrates 25 years working toward a healthier Northern Nevada
In 2015, CARE Chest is proud to celebrate 25 years and more than 120,000 clients served right here in Northern Nevada.

CARE Chest launched in 1990 when Bill Kahl, Alex Rassuchine and Craig Collins, three local pharmacists, saw a need to recycle medical equipment for vulnerable members of our community. These men of action turned a concept into reality, starting with a small space where they stored and distributed items like wheelchairs and walkers. Twenty-five years and two locations later, CARE Chest still distributes wheelchairs, but our services go much deeper and wider. Today we serve more than 7,000 clients per year with a diverse array of programs, including: Medical Equipment and Supplies, Prescription Assistance, Medical Nutrition, Independent Living assistance, Diabetic and Wellness Education. We do this all keeping with the intent of the founders that our services are offered free to qualified individuals and families.

Behind the quarter-century of growth, are the stories of lives changed by CARE Chest. And while every story is different, CARE Chest is proud to be able to help connect clients to positive outcomes, whether it’s a child who receives a critical medication, a diabetic who is able to monitor and control their condition, or an elderly community member who gets medical liquid nutrition not covered by their insurance. Our service puts our neighbors on the path to wellness and helps them avoid other health-related calamities in their lives like unemployment, hospitalization and school absence.

As a non-profit agency we pride ourselves on being good fiduciary stewards of our donors’ investment in CARE Chest. Our programs are designed to target the areas where there is the most need and where we can have the most positive impact without duplicating other community services.

Thank you for 25 years of supporting CARE Chest. You’re building a stronger community in Northern Nevada!

Larry Trilops,
President, CARE Chest of Sierra Nevada

25 years and counting… It’s a huge milestone for any non-profit organization, and at CARE Chest we are powered by the generosity of our Northern Nevada community.

It is truly a blessing to positively impact the lives of thousands of Northern Nevadans each year who face gaps in health services. CARE Chest’s programs help our neighbors live healthier, safer and more independently while remaining productive members of our community.

From our clients, staff, volunteers and board members, we thank you for a quarter century of support!

Patti Meals,
Executive Director, CARE Chest of Sierra Nevada

Bill Kahl,
Founder, CARE Chest of Sierra Nevada

Ensure Your Legacy

CARE Chest of Sierra Nevada serves more than 7,000 clients each year thanks to the generosity of our community. Consider including CARE Chest in your estate planning and give the gift of wellness to the next generation of Northern Nevadans in need.

To learn more about CARE Chest or to discuss your estate planning priorities, call 829-2273, ext. 101 or log on CAREChest.org

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Mission Statement
CARE Chest is a Northern Nevada nonprofit agency serving individuals in need by providing medical resources, free of charge.

Vision Statement
CARE Chest will continually improve the quality of life of individuals in need by setting the standard in providing comprehensive medical resources and services.

CARE Chest’s Programs

Medical Equipment and Supplies:
Durable medical equipment and consumable supplies are provided at no cost to qualified clients and organizations. Temporary loans of equipment are also available — while pending insurance/alternate coverage. Equipment and supplies include safety and mobility items (wheelchairs, transfer benches, grab bars and more), nebulizers, incontinence products, wound care, lice treatment and ostomy supplies.

Prescription Assistance:
Up to $100 annually is available for emergency medications in partnership with local pharmacies; funds can be used toward co-pays if insurance does exist.

Diabetic Items:
Glucose monitors, syringes, test strips and lancets are distributed as needed and prescription assistance up to $100 annually is available for diabetic medications.

Medical Nutrition:
Liquid nutrition (enteral) and instant breakfast are given monthly with a doctor’s prescription required.

Independent Living and Loans:
Home and vehicle modifications and assistive technologies are coordinated for disabled clients and their families; loans are made to purchase items, or modify homes and vehicles that make independence possible.

Wellness Education:
Classes are available on a variety of health-related topics including diabetes care and prevention, managing chronic disease, container gardening, fitness and more to enable clients to live healthier and prevent possible long-term health conditions.
CARE Chest Celebrates Silver Anniversary

CARE Chest started in 1990 when three local pharmacists saw the financial drain and emotional toll medical bills and lack of resources had on local families. With a commitment to the community that helped them succeed professionally, the Kahl, Rassuchine and Collins families created an organization that would become one of Northern Nevada’s leading non-profits, connecting our neighbors with critical medical resources to live safer, healthier and more independent lives. A healthier community means less missed work days, fewer school absences and reduced emergency room visits.

CARE Chest’s programs connect more than 7,000 area families annually to medical equipment, prescription assistance, medical nutrition, home and vehicle modifications, and wellness education. A compassionate staff helps Northern Nevadans with tangible items and services that can be expensive and outside traditional health insurance coverage.

During the past 25 years CARE Chest has developed into a valuable and respected community resource, providing these programs free of charge for more than 120,000 people, thanks to many generous local supporters. All funds are raised through foundation gifts, individuals, fundraising events and grants…and stay in our community.

As we celebrate CARE Chest’s silver anniversary in the Silver State, we continue our commitment to improve the quality of life for Nevadans by setting the standard for comprehensive medical resources and services. The changing healthcare landscape can be confusing, but we know the need among underserved populations continues to grow. CARE Chest works towards a healthier Northern Nevada on behalf of our clients, volunteers and supporters.

1990

CARE Chest founders Bill Kahl, Alex Rassuchine and Craig Collins incorporate and apply to become a non-profit.

1992

Critical funding comes from generous grants from the E.L. Cord and Nell J. Redfield Foundations and 11 fundraising events.

1993

The Prescription Assistance Program is born, a program that will connect thousands with emergency medications, preventing costly, unnecessary ER visits and long-term health complications.

1996

CARE Chest reaches a milestone of 1,000 clients served in one year.

1998

The CARE Chest Board of Directors embarks on an ambitious plan to build a new facility. With community support ground is broken in the next year.

2000

The CARE Loan Program is added to connect disabled clients with loans to purchase accessible vehicles, technology and home modifications to enable independence.

2002

Doors open at the new facility on North Virginia Street, a 9,000-square-foot office and warehouse complex built to accommodate CARE Chest’s growth.
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2002
- Programs including Medical Nutrition, Diabetic Supplies, and CARE Loans increase client count to nearly 7,000 annually.

2003
- The Regional Transportation Commission works with CARE Chest to construct a bus stop in front of the facility, a huge improvement for access used daily by clients.

2008
- With the help of Black Rock Solar and funding from NV Energy, CARE Chest goes green, installing a solar system. The resulting 80-percent reduction in energy use allows another way to shift resources to client services.

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By the numbers
2014 Fiscal Year
• 8,200 client services provided
• 20,189 medical items and services dispensed
• 69% were uninsured
• 59% were 30-64 years old
• 47% earned a household income of less than $1,100 a month with an average of two people per household.
• 29% were the head of the household.
• 13% lived with a disability

Audited Financial Statement
July 2013 - June 2014

Income — $806,814

Expenses — $856,423
Congratulations from your friends and partners at Renown Health. Your contributions have made a significant difference and touched people all over our community.

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Join CARE Chest for Bacon, Bourbon and Brews, one of Reno’s premier fundraising events, combining hand-crafted beer and spirits with the culinary artistry of local chefs working with everybody’s favorite delicacy: Bacon.

For 2015, the event will be held on June 26, 2015 from 4-9pm at Bartley Ranch. Check out CAREChest.org for tickets and sponsor information.

Each year CARE Chest “kidnaps” local business and community leaders for a day of FUNdraising to support programming.

Join us each March for this exciting event, now in its 24th year!
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CONGRATULATIONS ON 25 YEARS OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

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