

# Voices

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WINNERS: THESE FOLKS MAKE OUR COMMUNITY BETTER

## Winner: Locals give to Veterans Guest House

Over the last several months, people have donated \$3,500 in food items more than \$6,000 in non-food items, such as paper products and cleaning products, to the Veterans Guest House.

There are numerous groups who drop by and provide home-cooked meals. Local quilters donate blankets, scarves, hats and mittens. And, donations are dropped off anonymously almost weekly.

The Veterans Guest House provides U.S. military service veterans and their families temporary overnight accommodations while receiving treatment at a medical facility in the Reno/Sparks area.

### Get Involved: Fido Fest, a celebration of all things dog

Fido Fest, a new event featuring everything for the dog lover (and pet lover) by bringing together local businesses and adoptable dogs, will be March 12, hosted by and at The Summit in south Reno.

Stores in The Summit will have specials and giveaways, and adoptable dogs and vendors will be located in the Center Plaza between Vans and Tilly's. Fido Fest runs from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

An after party will be held at the Nevada Humane Society until 6:30 p.m. Families looking to adopt are encouraged to bring kids and other dogs to make sure everyone gets along.

NHS is open for adoptions seven days a week at two locations from 11 a.m. (10 a.m. on Saturdays) to 6:30 p.m. For pet adoptions in Reno, visit 2825 Longley Lane. For pet adoptions in Carson City, visit 3770 Butti Way.

### Get Involved: Codfather giving percent of sales to MS

MS Awareness Week is March 7-13 and the National Multiple



Mothers and daughters from the Charity League serve dinner at the Veterans Guest House at least once a month.

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### Send submissions

» **Winners:** Send submissions to winners@rgj.com. Photo submissions are encouraged.

» **Get involved:** If your organization seeks volunteers or donations, email getinvolved@rgj.com.

stronger," demonstrates the collective strength of individuals connecting throughout the year to put an end to this chronic disease.

As part of the effort, on Monday and March 11, the Codfather Food Truck will donate 25 percent of sales to Walk MS.

Monday, the truck will be parked in Microsoft, 6840 Sierra Center Parkway, next to NV Energy in Reno, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

March 11, the truck will be at Custom Ink, 9390 Gateway Drive, Reno, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For information, visit www.MSconnection.org.

### Winner: RTO Foundation donates \$50,000

The checks were presented at Barracuda Championship's annual Renegade member event, Evening with a Champion.

The 18th annual Barracuda Championship is scheduled for June 27-July 3.

For information, visit www.BarracudaChampionship.com.

### Winner: Grace Church helps Doors to Recovery

Dan Frank, lead pastor of Reno's Grace Church, delivered a check for \$352,623.16 to Doors to Recovery for the purchase of the Jane Aubrey House, a home for young women ages 18-24 to recover from addiction.

The money was given by families from Grace as their year-end gift. The house is named after Jane Aubrey, who lost her battle with addiction in March 2015.

The house is scheduled to be ready for residents by July. Once the house is remodeled and ready for move in, management will be transferred to Ridge House

### LETTERS TO

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