

31 Days of KOLOCares spotlights a different charity daily

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RENO, Nev. (KOLO) - In this season of giving, KOLOCares will spotlight a different local charity each day during the month of December. Check kolotv.com each day, as you'll be able to see them all here as we add them, ending with a long list by the end of the month.

[See link here for the interview played in the morning.](#)



Remember to check kolocares.com for more information about these and other local charities.

December 19: The [Veterans Guest House](#) provides temporary housing to our military veterans and their families when they're undergoing medical treatment in Northern Nevada. This year alone, it's provided more than 5600 guest nights, and it's hoping to expand its reach with a new 12-thousand-square-foot building with 21 more beds. The new building is expected to open in June 2018. In addition to monetary donations, the house appreciates gift cards.

December 18: [Safe Embrace](#) offers services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence, whether that violence is current or from the past. Its walk-in shelter is at 780 E. Lincoln Way in Sparks, and provides emergency services including meals, clothing and therapy. Safe Embrace is grateful for volunteers, who, with advocates, staff its 24-hour crisis line. Someone is always there to answer the call for help. The number is 775-322-3466.

December 17: The [Circle of Life Foundation](#) helps provide assistance to seniors and their families. It provides community education, care-giving support, complimentary therapies and eventually a hospice house. Through donations, this nonprofit is also able to provide funding for families to help them prepare for losing loved ones.

December 16: [Volunteers of America](#) provides local human service programs to help families, seniors, former foster youth and the homeless get back on their feet. The non-profit is looking for donations of blankets, clothes, toothbrushes and feminine products to provide to people staying in its shelter. Items can be dropped off at the shelter on Record Street, off 4th Street in Reno.

December 15: Through education and prevention, Awaken aims to end sex trafficking. Last year it opened its drop-in center at 4th and Spokane Streets, a known sex trafficking area, to help victims of sexual abuse get on the path to recovery. There are several opportunities available to volunteer. The center needs help with daily tasks such as laundry, and whatever your background is, there is a need. To apply to become a volunteer, or to make a monetary donation, [click here](#).

December 14: The goal of [Canine Rehabilitation Center and Sanctuary](#) is to help at-risk dogs that have been abused or neglected, and find them their forever homes. It costs about \$25 a day per dog to stay in the facility, which at any given time has anywhere from 40 to 50 dogs. Monetary donations help buy needed supplies to care for these dogs. You can also donate your time. The center is always looking for volunteers to walk dogs and help out at community events.

December 13: For years, Evelyn Mount Community Outreach has been organizing community food drives to help provide meals to people in need. Mount relies on the generosity of strangers to contribute to her pantry. Some of the most-needed items include meats like turkeys, chicken and ham, as well as non-perishable items. You can drop off donations at her home at 2530 Cannan Street in Reno. She will begin handing out community food bags December 17 and continue through December 23. Families in need can pick up bags from 10:30 to 3 every day.

December 12: The [Ronald McDonald House Charities® Northern Nevada](#) has been in existence 30 years, and provides lodging for families whose children are receiving treatment at local hospitals. In that time, more than 7800 families have stayed at the "home away from home." The house only charges a family \$10 per night's stay.

December 11: The [Reno Rodeo Foundation's](#) 11th annual Denim Drive for 2017 is underway through Dec. 31, collecting money and new clothing donations across 14 Northern Nevada counties for abused and neglected infants, children and teens who have been rescued from unsafe homes. More than 100 locations will host donation bins to collect new jeans, new socks, new shirts and new underwear. An interactive map with all donation locations can be [accessed here](#).

December 10: [Project HELP Nevada](#) strives to empower at-risk women and young adults. Through its "Wings Project," it helps 16- to 24-year-olds who are transitioning out of foster care or who may be homeless. Specifically, it works with them to strengthen their life skills to help them land jobs, including resume training and mock interviews.

December 9: [CARE Chest](#) of Sierra Nevada provides medical resources at no cost, from equipment and supplies to prescriptions. Volunteers help refurbish equipment and do clerical work. If you have gently-used medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers and hospital beds, Care Chest would love to have them. And the organization always needs financial assistance.

December 8: You may have seen [Salvation Army](#) volunteers ringing bells outside local businesses. It's just one way the organization helps raise money for people in need this holiday. The Salvation Army needs more kettle bell ringers and volunteers at its food pantry on Sutro Street.

December 7: The goal of the [Children's Cabinet](#) is to assist Nevada families that need help. The non-profit offers more than 30 programs and services including food and shelter, parenting classes, job training, even crisis intervention.

December 6: [The Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows](#) has more than twenty locations throughout the area, and helps more than 13,000 kids each year. There are 130 programs and events for area children. The annual membership fee is just twenty dollars, even though the club spends more than \$25 on each child per year.

December 5: [The Eddy House](#) is a drop-in center for homeless youth. So far this year, the organization has seen 700 individual homeless kids. When the house opens, these teens can get something to eat, use the shower, use the restroom and get clothing.

December 4: The [JUSTin HOPE Foundation](#) provides services and support for local families touched by autism and other neurological disorders. The foundation holds training for police, fire and medical personnel so they are better equipped to deal with those special needs.

December 3: [Bristlecone Family Resources](#) has a simple goal: help people recover from addiction, whether alcohol, other drugs or gambling. Getting people on the right track is what they do.

Sometimes clients go to Bristlecone off the street; sometimes it's straight from jail, so they don't have any belongings. That's why the non-profit can use new or gently-used clothing.

December 2: [Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Nevada](#) pairs mentors with children living in poverty. The biggest need is always for more adults willing to spend one hour a week with a child. If you can't make the time commitment, there are other ways to give. The organization this time of year always needs new coats, and if you have a business or organization, holding a coat drive for BBBSNN can be a big help. Cash donations are always welcome. It takes \$1,000 for each child in the program. That goes toward training, matching and providing case management to each big-little pair.

December 1: Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada is asking community members to donate pre-filled Christmas stockings for children ranging in age from infants to 17 years old. The goal is to distribute stockings to more than 800 children in need in Washoe County and across northern Nevada. For more information on how to get involved, [click here](#).