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Reno Businesses Build Pavilion for Village on Sage Street



Photos by Chris Holloman



Inviting gathering spaces at the Village on Sage Street enhance life for lodgers renting the 216 small dorm-style rooms. Those who were isolated and stressed from living on the street, in their cars, in shelters or motels can find comfort and a sense of community growing around the sheltered picnic tables, outdoor fireplace, and lounges. The Community Foundation of Northern Nevada thanks the businesses that pitched in to build an outdoor pavilion for the lodgers at Village on Sage Street. Chris Askin, Community Foundation CEO, and a dozen residents met underneath the shade shelter to celebrate this much-appreciated amenity.



Clark/Sullivan built the large pavilion in the Village complex near the outdoor fireplace as a gift to the community. The Associated General Contractors (AGC) helped procure material donations from local construction and supply companies. A lasting structure such as this requires many materials, expert services, and construction. MBA Architecture created and contributed the plans, and Forbes-Linchpin Engineering donated their services.



The following businesses generously contributed building materials:

- Truckee Tahoe Lumber – lumber
- D & D Roofing – composite roof shingles
- Titan – rough carpentry
- American Ready Mix – concrete mix
- Morgan Construction – concrete and saw cutting
- A-1 Steel – Rebar
- WPI- paint and sealer
- The Community Foundation of Northern Nevada furnished the picnic tables.

When the weather turns hot, the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada will add colorful sun sails over the concrete patio adjacent to the pavilion. Those living at the Village on Sage will find the pavilion a relaxing place to socialize and enjoy being outdoors.

The Village on Sage Street is a dorm-style community built for very low-income working individuals. The Community Foundation of Northern Nevada developed this unique housing option in partnership with the City of Reno, Volunteers of America, and private donors and businesses. \$400 monthly rent helps people reduce financial stress, live in a stable, safe community, and work on personal goals.

328 people have moved into the Village on Sage Street since opening in the summer of 2019. 140 people have moved out. The average length of stay for those who have moved out is 4 ½ months. Many people move on to permanent housing and better jobs after leaving the Village on Sage Street. This community is considered a bridge housing option, but there is no time limit on how long people can stay at the Village on Sage Street.

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