

2021 Annual Report

WHO



Mission

We provide affordable, high-quality medical, behavioral health and support services for all.

Vision

We strive to build a healthier community.

Values

We value kindness, dignity, inclusion, creativity and adaptability.

"This is a place where they try hard to make you feel safe and protected all while making sure they give you the best service possible." – HOPES patient

WE SERVE

Since 1997, Northern Nevada HOPES has been on the frontline of community health, caring for those with the fewest resources and options.

From our early days as a single-room HIV/AIDS clinic to the trusted community health resource we are today, HOPES continues to serve northern Nevada's most marginalized, overlooked and underserved with kindness and compassion. **55%** Living at or below 200% of Federal Poverty Level (An individual earning around \$25,760)

39% Living at or below 138% of Federal Poverty Level (An individual earning around \$14,657)

Adults experiencing homelessness

"Ever since I became a patient with HOPES, I have had my expectations routinely surpassed and have been witness to an amazing kindness present everywhere throughout the facility." – HOPES patient

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"From scheduling an appointment to talking with my primary care provider, I have always felt welcomed and encouraged at HOPES to better myself and my health." – HOPES patient

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"At HOPES I've felt wanted, appreciated. It's hard to put into words because they've done so much. They always made me feel more than welcome. Like this is going to sound corny, but I learned to love again." – Lance, HOPES patient of 20 years 199

The US Congress enacts the Ryan White CARE Act, providing federal funds for HIV/AIDS

Northern Nevada HOPES is incorporated and opens in downtown Reno.

APRIL

HOPES relocates from Kirman Avenue to Ralston Street.

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40 YEARS WITH AIDS

Reflecting on HOPES' origins

t began back in 1981 when the CDC published an article describing cases of a rare lung infection, known as pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, in five young, previously healthy gay men in Los Angeles. That day, 40 years ago, the world was just getting introduced to what would become the AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome) epidemic, a terrifying and bleak period in our history.

when no other resources are available.

AIDS is the reason Northern Nevada HOPES exists today.

Nine years later, in 1990, when we understood that the HIV virus causes AIDS, the Washoe County Health District and local healthcare professionals opened the Early Intervention Clinic (EIC).

The EIC was designed to provide HIV-positive patients with comprehensive assessment, treatment for symptoms, access to medications, primary care, mental health and dental services, referral to specialty care and community resources, and comprehensive case management.

By 1994, AIDS had become the leading cause of death for all Americans ages 25 to 44. It became clear that the comprehensive, onsite services provided to HIV-positive patients through the EIC were the most effective way to improve their health and wellbeing and reduce costly emergency room visits.



Thanks to HOPES, 1997 marked the last time a baby was born HIV positive in Washoe County.

In 1997, area healthcare professionals and HIV advocates proposed the establishment of a nonprofit to increase sustainability of the services and care provided through the Early Intervention Clinic. Among those leaders was Dr. Trudy Larson, HOPES cofounder, doctor, educator, and current board member.

The goal — provide cost-effective, comprehensive care for HIV-positive people living in northern Nevada and northeastern California. The result – Northern Nevada HOPES was born.

Twenty-five years later, thanks to the leadership of people like Dr. Trudy Larson and advances in treatment, 1997 marked the last time a baby was born HIV positive in Washoe County. Today, people living with HIV throughout northern Nevada, and the world, are enjoying full and productive lives.





REFLECTING ON 25 YEARS OF HOPES



hen 12,000 of northern Nevada's most underserved residents can easily access medical care, behavioral health services and case management support, it's easy to forget that it wasn't always that way.

With a beautiful, 37,000 square-foot community health center available to the uninsured, the undocumented and the unemployed, we must remember a time when they had no place to go.

As Hope Springs houses dozens of our unsheltered neighbors in a oneof-a-kind, bridge housing community (pictured at left), providing them with the resources to rebuild their lives, it seems obvious what needs to be done. Yet, this initiative is still considered radical.

In 2022, as Northern Nevada HOPES opens its second Reno clinic with the region's only Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) serving the uninsured, we are reminded that our work is not done — far from it. We can look back on the past twenty-five years with great pride for the amazing things we've accomplished; profound gratitude for the people who helped us get here; and unyielding, relentless hope for a brighter, healthier future for all of us.

"Everyone is always so nice and patient. They listen to me, respect me, and take me seriously. As a woman of color, that can be difficult to find in a doctor's office or clinic, and I feel like I can always count on this clinic to help me with my needs." — HOPES patient



NEW MISSION: At Northern Nevada HOPES, we are dedicated to building a healthier community by providing coordinated care and support for individual and family wellness. Our community health center combines primary care, medical specialties, behavioral health, and prevention with a team of experienced professionals who are committed to high-quality care.

NOVEMBER

HOPES' new three-story, 37,000 square-foot medical facility opens. Since expanding primary care in 2012, HOPES grew from serving just over 600 patients to 4,772 in 2015.

"Here at HOPES we boldly declare that you are a human being, and you belong. If you feel forgotten, ignored, rejected or invisible because of your skin color, your income, or your gender, we see you. Whether you are upper class, middle class, lower class, or even if society says you have no class, here at HOPES you are welcome." – Sharon Chamberlain, CEO of HOPES





HOPES served 6,729 patients, a 62% increase
over 2015.



HOPES Partners with Washoe Legal Services to open Nevada's only Medical Legal Partnership, offering legal assistances to HOPES patients.



"I have been very satisfied with the way HOPES has innovated their practices to continue to provide services during the COVID pandemic. Thank you!" – HOPES patient

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HOPES served 9,796 patients, a 26% increase over 2016, including a 63% increase in pediatric patients, and a 73% increase in total patient visits.



Change Point expands services and begins distributing naloxone kits.

AUGUST

HOPES launches the Healthy Money Habits program, providing patients with financial wellness coaching and education.

HOPES adds 50 jobs, increasing staff by 50%.

12,967 **Behavioral Health Visits**

MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT)

152 Unique patients

333,289

Needles returned

1,397

HARM REDUCTION & INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION

305,589

Needles distributed

413 Naloxone kits (2 doses/kit) distributed for overdose prevention



ADDITIONAL WRAP-AROUND SERVICES

2,264 X-rays & ultrasounds

1,976 Medication deliveries

Immunizations (Including COVID)

14,498

1,853 COVID-19 tests

1,875 COVID-19 vaccinations

1,561 Total visits

Prescriptions filled

> 32 4,752 PEP visits STI tests 3,524 3,442 222HIV tests PrEP visits Hep C tests

HIV+ patients with undetectable viral load

89%

91%

HIV+ patients on Antiretroviral Therapy

HOPES undergoes construction to add medical and behavioral health offices to provide more services, 13 behavioral health rooms, 9 exam rooms, and 2 treatment rooms.

2018

JUNE FEBRUARY

NEW MISSION, VISION AND VALUES: We provide affordable, high-quality medical, behavioral health and support services for all. We strive to build a healthier community. We value kindness, dignity, inclusion, creativity and adaptability.



HOPES expands MAT, partners with Renown Health to launch Diabetes Prevention Program.

HOPES starts Reach Out and Read Program (ROAR) for pediatric patients.

TREATING THE WHOLE PERSON, IN ONE PLACE

Adult & Pediatric Primary Care

Reproductive & Women's Health Services

Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Testing & Treatment Substance Use Counseling & Medication-Assisted Treatment

Adult & Pediatric Counseling & Psychiatry

Case Management

HIV & Hepatitis C Care

Chronic Disease Management & Nutrition Onsite Pharmacy & Medication Delivery

LGBTQ+ Care

Transportation to Care

X-ray & Labs

"HOPES has literally saved my life by helping me restore my mental health and recover my self-esteem. I am very happy with the respect and dignity they give me as a patient. I feel included in my own health care team." — HOPES patient



"What makes me happy when I think of HOPES is our moral code here, which is, 'We meet people where they're at.' I cannot tell you how unusual that is. It doesn't matter if you're homeless, have terrible diseases or substance use — it just doesn't matter. HOPES is there to give you care and we do it without bias. We welcome everyone with open arms, and you just don't see that in other places." - Dr. Trudy Larson, co-founder of Northern Nevada HOPES

Walk-in PrEP/PEP/STI clinic at Change Point opens.



HOPES inducted into the Northern Nevada Best Places to Work Hall of Fame.



Gender and Sexual Health Care clinic opens thanks to donor Dr. Barry Frank.



2021

The world marks 40 years since the first five cases of what later became known as AIDS were officially reported.

APRIL

2021 FINANCIALS



Revenue Expenses \$42,367,935 \$36,854,848



Development \$512,416 • 1% Women's Health Clinic opens at Change Point.

OCTOBER

First two Hope Springs residents graduate program into permanent housing.

NOVEMBER

2022

OPE:



We're looking forward to another twenty-five years of tackling our community's toughest challenges with resolve and compassion. Whether it's chronic disease, homelessness, substance use or mental health, we'll be there.

LOOKING TOWARD THE NEXT 25 YEARS

A message from Board President Doug Brewer

n 2021, HOPES made the shift from the adaptability required during 2020 to the sustainability required in 2021 and beyond. We continued to offer vital new telehealth services, vaccinations and testing developed in 2020, while maintaining the inperson comprehensive medical and wellness care that we have provided the community throughout the past twenty-five years.

We have a sustainability plan in motion, building on these efforts with the expansion of our Behavioral Health program. In 2022, HOPES will open our Bell Street Clinic, offering an Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) as a way for patients to manage mental and emotional illness or trauma and resume their daily lives. This program will provide a level of care between traditional outpatient therapy and inpatient hospitalization. "We've provided care to community members no one else would, in a way no one else could." – Doug Brewer, President, HOPES Board of Directors

We will also expand our adult primary care services, enabling us to provide care for more members of our community.

Since HOPES opened in 1997, we've provided care to community members no one else would, in a way no one else could. We plan to do the same for the next twenty-five years.

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