



NORTHERN NEVADA RAVE FAMILY FOUNDATION

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Center Location:
Sparks High School
Community Learning Center
1260 H Street
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Spring 2009

RAVE Upcoming Events Calendar

April 4, 2009- Spring Fling 1:00-2:30

May 7, 2009- Last Session

May 9, 2009- Awards Ceremony!!!

RAVE CLOSURE DATES:

Spring Break April 11-18 Open April 21

Last Session May 7- Summer RAVE Dates TBA



Evening to RAVE About, March 14, 2009
The Cellar Wine Co.

Thank you so much for everyone who contributed to make our "Evening to RAVE About" a success! We had several businesses and members from our Board of Directors donate items for our silent auction and raffle. Some of the items donated were a 5 day houseboat rental on Lake Mead, a flag of the United States of America that flew over the Capitol Building in Washington D.C., and several aged grape beverages! We appreciate everyone who was able to donate or attend the event to support RAVE in our efforts to give our families the "Gift of Time" and help grow the future leaders of our community. Thank you!

Donors: The Aguiar Family ~ Kim Anastassatos ~ Baked Sugar ~ Kate Barrett-Rodriguez ~ Teresa Benitez-Thompson ~ Bonanza Produce ~ Buckbean Beer ~ California Avenue Delicatessen ~ The Canepa Family ~ Margot Chappel ~ The Cheese Board ~ Rhoda Denoncourt ~ Fitness for 10 ~ G.J. Rhodes for the Home ~ Gordon's Photo Service ~ Anthony Kingsland at The Cellar Wine Co. ~ Kokomo Winery ~ Ralph and Kelly Langley ~ Moana Nursery ~ Name Droppers ~ Katie Pace at The Office of Congressman Dean Heller ~ Reno Fly Shop ~ Jack and Rique Robb ~ Randy and Kim Roundtree ~ The Sanctuary ~ The Schaller Family ~ Skagen Designs ~ Trader Joe's ~ Vintage, A Wine Shop ~ Whispering Vines ~ Tanya Williams ~ Kat Wilson ~



A special thank you to all of our wonderful donors!

Without you, it would not be possible to do what RAVE does for so many families.

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The RAVE Family Center continues to seek donations. If you are interested and able to donate, please donate one or more of the following:

*Snacks for the Volunteers: Chips, fruit snacks, (pre-packaged & nut free), Cup of Noodle, bottled water

*Office Supplies: Card Stock (White & Colored), Staples, Tape (masking & clear), Post-it notes, Bic pens

*Center Supplies: Kleenex, extra Holiday/Greeting Cards, Construction Paper

Join us at our Volun-

Please unite with us as we celebrate all of the wonderful time and love that our volunteers put into the RAVE Family Center this year. We will have a BBQ lunch following the Awards Ceremony, and lots of fun for kids of all ages!

Please come and let the volunteers know



Saturday, May 9th at

11:30a





The Beautiful Spring

By George Cooper

"I was here first," said the snowdrop: "look!" "Not before me!"
sang the silver brook. "Why," cried the grass, "I've been
here a week!" "So have I, dear," sighed a violet meek.

"Well," piped a bluebird, "don't leave me out! I saw the snow
that lay round about." "Yes," chirped a snowbird,

"that may be true; But I've seen it all the bleak winter
through."

"I came betimes," sang the south wind, "I!" "After me
love!" spake the deep blue sky. "Who is it cares?"

chimed the crickets gay: "Now you are here, let us hope
you'll stay."

No-Bake "Dreamsicle" Yogurt Pie

Ingredients:

- *1 9" graham cracker crust shell
- *1 8oz. Container of orange flavored yogurt
- *1 c. thawed whipped non-dairy topping
- *1/2 c. canned mandarin orange slices—drained and broken into pieces



Directions:

Combine yogurt and whipped topping together in a bowl and stir with a spoon. Add mandarin orange slices and stir. Spoon into pie shell. Cover with plastic wrap and chill.

Tip:

- You can also freeze this pie and thaw slightly before serving.
- Use a black decorating tube to make a jack-o-lantern face for Halloween.
- Try with different yogurt flavor combinations:
 - Vanilla yogurt with banana slices
 - Lemon and lime yogurt mixed together
 - Peach yogurt with peach slices



Reflection on the RAVE 2008-2009 Program Year



This year was a year full of new experiences for RAVE. We began the year visiting high schools and recruiting volunteers as usual. It was much to our surprise on our initial training day when over 100 new recruits came to the center! This addition put us at 140 volunteers for the 08-09 year. As RAVE had never had this many volunteers before, we were at a loss for what we needed to do. We had to adjust from having 2 teams per respite day to making 3 teams per respite day, which was a huge change. Since we had not planned on having that many volunteers this year, we also had to modify our costs to accommodate our new additions. As our volunteers grew, our families did as well. We added a few new families to our RAVE Family, and thus far, we have provided about 1600 hours of service. As we are now at the tail end of the year, we reflect on our successes. We had volunteers and staff donate snacks for the volunteers during the session, we had families donate gifts to give to our volunteers during the holiday season, and we also had families donate items for our Spring Fling event in April. Our successes and new experiences have led RAVE to be a stronger program. We can say that we trained 140 volunteers this year, and did it with a smile; that we were able to provide incentives for our volunteers to continue to volunteer and donate their time to our families; that our families supported us and our volunteers by coming to each of the sessions and allowing their children to play. As our year draws to a close we have one thing to say: Thank you to our families, volunteers, staff, and board of directors who made this year a success. We appreciate each and every one of you.



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Attention RAVE and Rural Respite Parents:

Access to Healthcare Network, a non profit medical discount plan, provides affordable healthcare for the uninsured in our Northern Nevada community. Providers include Renown Health, Saint Mary’s Hospital and more than 350 local physicians; and ancillary providers such as speech, physical and occupational therapists; dental providers and vision specialists. Access to Healthcare Network (AHN) has received a generous grant from the Matley Foundation to assist with the health care expenses for children zero to 24 years of age who are mentally, emotionally, physically and/or learning disabled. If you are in need of assistance with your health care expenses for your child please call 770-3875 to see if you qualify for this important program.

Sherrri Rice, Executive Director