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## **Nevada HAND Resident Celebrates 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday**

**LAS VEGAS, NEV.** – Living to tell the tales of over one hundred years in a lifetime is a milestone event that calls for celebration.

Nevada HAND staff and residents will gather to celebrate Ms. Laura Cisco's 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday, on Friday, June 29 at 1:00 p.m. on the first floor of Stewart Pines Senior Apartments, located at 1351 E. Stewart Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89101.

"I'm delighted, I didn't expect any of this", said Cisco.

Born in Mississippi in 1910, Ms. Cisco has survived several historical landmarks of the 20<sup>th</sup> century including the Great Depression and two World Wars. Ms. Cisco tells stories of living in a segregated society in the South and witnessing Ku Klux Klan rallies. She remembers working for a police officer's family in Mississippi and says all the years of hard labor bring back memories that changed her life.

"I met FDR in 1927," said Cisco. "I walked over to the limousine and shook his hand and I told him I was going to pray for him. Oh, those were bright days."

Ms. Cisco moved to Las Vegas nearly 20 years ago and became a Nevada HAND resident in 1999.

"Las Vegas gave me a lot to think about," said Cisco. "If you want to make it and you try to make it, there's a way for you to make it," she said. "This is my home; I'm going to stay here until Jesus comes."

Ms. Cisco's daughter, Bernice Powell, says she never thought she would see her mother turn 102 years-old. "I'm proud of her because she doesn't let anyone stop her. We're all proud of her," said Powell.

Ms. Cisco lives by herself in a one-bedroom apartment at Stewart Pines and her family members say she is still very independent. Ms. Cisco's only request for her party was to get a "Red, White, and Blue" themed cake.



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“It’s because it took this whole country to make me what I am,” said Cisco. “I’ve learned to love people without looking at their race and color. We are all human beings that have feelings and a mind,” she said.

Nevada HAND’s President, Michael Mullin, will present Ms. Cisco with a Proclamation in honor of her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday celebration. She will also receive a certificate of recognition from Senator Harry Reid’s office and a Proclamation from City of Las Vegas’ Mayor Carolyn Goodman.

“We are proud to have such an inspiring resident as a member of our Nevada HAND community,” said Mullin. “We wish Ms. Cisco a happy birthday celebration and many more years to come,” he said.

### **About Nevada H.A.N.D. Inc.**

Formed in 1993, Nevada H.A.N.D., Inc. is a nonprofit corporation with the mission to improve the lives of low-income individuals by providing affordable housing solutions and supportive services. In pursuit of this mission, Nevada HAND has grown into a full-service real estate development company with the ability to design, develop, finance, construct and manage affordable housing for rent.

As a Nevada-based nonprofit organization and HUD-certified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), Nevada HAND finances its developments by using funds from the Nevada Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program, HOME and Low-Income Trust Fund Programs, local banks and the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco’s Affordable Housing Program. For more information about Nevada H.A.N.D., Inc., visit [www.nevadahand.org](http://www.nevadahand.org).

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