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No Senior Should Be Hungry

Nevada HAND and Three Square Partner for Senior Share Program

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—Nevada HAND is joining forces with Three Square Food Bank to help address one of the most pressing issues for the senior population in Southern Nevada – hunger.

On Thursday October 18, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. a truck from Three Square will drop off supplemental groceries to more than 50 seniors living at Stewart Pines Apartments, a Nevada HAND community. Stewart Pines is located at 1351 E. Stewart Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89101. A third partnership was started between Nevada HAND and Easter Seals. Their staff will be in charge of delivering the groceries to each resident door-to-door.

“We surveyed our senior residents to determine if they were skipping meals because of lack of money and a large percentage of them met the criteria,” said Sue Markham, Resident Services Manager at Nevada HAND. “We reached out to Three Square to help us come up with a unique program that would work,” said Markham.

Seniors who qualify for the Senior Share Program at Stewart Pines must meet a number of eligibility guidelines, in addition to income qualifications. Some of the qualifications include receiving food stamps and meeting one of the health criteria.

“We are pleased to partner with Nevada HAND to help serve hungry seniors in Southern Nevada,” said Lisa Corbett, Program Manager at Three Square Food Bank. “Our Senior Share Program launched in 2010 and has since helped more than 1,000 seniors access nutritious food in our community,” said Corbett.

After going through the qualification process, 55 seniors will be eligible to receive free grocery packages twice a month. The packages consist of 12-14 pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins. Many of the recipients are considered extremely low-income, living between 30-35% of Area Median Income (AMI).

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About Nevada HAND

Formed in 1993, Nevada HAND 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 HAND, visit www.nevadahand.org.

About Three Square

Three Square was established to end hunger in the valley by providing wholesome, nutritious food to nonprofit organizations that serve a wide range of Southern Nevadans in need. A national model project inspired by Eric Hilton with a grant provided by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, Three Square is a community collaborative partnership with the gaming industry, businesses, non-profit agencies, food distributors, higher education institutions, the CCSD, governmental entities, the media and thousands of volunteers to efficiently and effectively serve hope to those in our community struggling with hunger.

Three Square currently provides more than 24 million pounds of food and grocery product – the equivalent of nearly 18 million meals – per year to more than 600 Program Partners including non-profit and faith-based organizations, schools and feeding sites throughout Southern Nevada. Three Square is a member of the Feeding America network of food banks. For additional information visit www.threesquare.org.