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**Northern Nevada State Veterans Home Receives \$600 Donation
from Mendive Middle School Students**

(Sparks, Nev.) – Last month, students in the leadership class at Mendive Middle School conducted a schoolwide fundraising effort for Veterans Day and donated \$600 to the Northern Nevada State Veterans Home (NNSVH).

"The Northern Nevada State Veterans Home truly appreciates this donation, especially from young people in our community engaging in service to others," said NDVS Deputy Director Amy Garland. "The lessons these students are learning now will serve them well in the future and we are happy to play a small role in that process. We can't thank them enough!"

Mendive Leadership Instructors Julia Bartsch and Heather Morris encouraged their students to support local veterans last month during Veterans Day week. Not only did these 31 students conduct the fundraiser asking an estimated 575 Mendive students to donate, they also participated in the [Send a Smile campaign](#) by submitting photos and videos with messages for NNSVH residents.

"Our Mendive student body and staff were honored to help support our veterans. As teachers, we love to see our students learn to look outside of themselves and give back to others," said Mendive Leadership Instructor Bartsch.

Opened in the fall of 2019 in Sparks, Nev., the NNSVH is a 102,000 square foot facility with 96 beds and a host of amenities. Providing short-term rehabilitation, long-term care and memory care, NNSVH is overseen by the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) and managed by Avalon Health Care Management.

NDVS is dedicated to helping Nevada veterans get the services, benefits and quality of life they deserve. In addition to offering benefits counseling and assistance, which includes filing VA claims at no cost, NDVS manages two State Veterans Homes and two Veterans Memorial Cemeteries. For more information, please visit www.veterans.nv.gov.

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*Photos of Mendive Middle School students Send a Smile submissions
available upon request: pio.ndvs@veterans.nv.gov*