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Southwest Gas Foundation and Nevada Military Support Alliance Provide Donation to Support Quality of Life/Cognitive Care at Northern Nevada State Veterans Home

(Sparks, Nev.) – The [Northern Nevada State Veterans Home](#) (NNSVH) recently received a \$5,000 donation from the [Southwest Gas Foundation](#) and the [Nevada Military Support Alliance](#).

The donation will be used to pay for "[Touch2Play](#)," touchscreen technology at NNSVH, which empowers senior citizens with no computer skills to play up to 70 games, ranging from the very simple, for those with cognitive impairment, to more challenging games with multiple players.

"The residents at the NNSVH have been requesting an additional Touch2Play for the past few months, because they love playing all the games and brain teasers," said Amy Garland, Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) Deputy Director of Healthcare Services. "We are very thankful to Southwest Gas and the Nevada Military Support Alliance for this generous donation to positively impact residents' lives at the home by offering them entertainment that also helps improve their cognitive abilities."

"The State budget provides the basics for NNSVH, but donations like this one allow us to add 'homey touches,' so the home 'feels like home' for our residents," said NDVS Director Kat Miller. "We can't thank the Southwest Gas Foundation and the Nevada Military Support Alliance enough for their continued support of residents living at NNSVH."

In November 2020, the Southwest Gas Northern Nevada Division [BLUE - Building Lives Up Everywhere Committee](#) supported the Northern Nevada State Veterans Home through a volunteer video project thanking the veterans for their service and wishing the veterans a very happy Thanksgiving. The Southwest Gas Foundation, in turn, made the \$5,000 contribution for the State Veterans Home in support of the volunteer project.

"The video our BLUE Committee prepared included photos thanking veterans for their service and pictures colored by employees and their families. These images were combined into a video which was provided to the Veterans Home and played in the Veterans rooms on Thanksgiving Day." Brad Harris, Southwest Gas Vice President of the Northern Nevada and California Divisions said, "Our employees, many of them veterans themselves, appreciate those who have served and defended our country and want these patriots to know we will never forget them."

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The Southwest Gas employee charitable giving program, [FUEL for LIFE](#), selected the Nevada Military Support Alliance as a two-year, featured partner twice, initially in 2019-2020 and then again in 2021-2022. Through FUEL for LIFE, Southwest Gas employees are able to choose to donate a percentage of their salary directly to featured partner nonprofits, such as the Nevada Military Support Alliance.

“We are proud to be a featured partner that allows us to provide donations such as this one, so residents at the home have resources that go above and beyond ‘the basics,’ as they deserve no less than the best,” said Executive Director Teresa Di Loreto, Nevada Military Support Alliance. “We are so honored Southwest Gas employees have chosen to help us fulfill our mission to support the men and women who have served, or are currently serving our country.”

Through *FUEL for LIFE*, Southwest Gas employees in the region have pledged to provide \$19,397.05 directly from their salaries to support the Nevada Military Support Alliance in 2021. This year alone, 86 percent of the Northern Nevada Division’s 190 employees are contributing to nonprofits in the region through *FUEL for LIFE* with an average donation of \$1,000 per employee annually.

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 the Northern and Southern Nevada State Veterans Homes and two Veterans Memorial Cemeteries, also in the north and south. For more information, visit www.veterans.nv.gov.

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