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Donation Provides Gardening Opportunities for Residents of the Northern Nevada State Veterans Home

(Sparks, Nev.) – On May 21, 2021 the Vietnam Veterans of America ([VVA](#)) Chapter 989, [Home Depot](#) at [Summit Ridge, Reno](#) and [Carson City, Nevada Woodchucks, Rotary Club of Sparks, Katie Grace Foundation](#), "Farmily" (correct spelling), [RayCo Drywall](#), and [Rail City Garden Center](#) donated six planter boxes as well as starter seeds and plants to enrich and enhance the lives of those living at the home by providing outdoor, gardening activities.

This dedication has been in the works over the past year and was finally made possible as Nevada began reopening when COVID-19 restrictions began to ease. The gardening boxes will provide residents with the opportunity to get outside and learn about, as well as enjoy gardening activities.

"I would like to thank all the donors who thoughtfully coordinated, created and constructed the planter boxes," said Marvin Kennedy, NNSVH Resident Council President. "The residents are excited to plant vegetables this spring that we can eat during the summer and fall."

"Our chapter is pleased to be able to dedicate these donated planter boxes," said VVA Chapter 989 Chapter President J.R. Stafford, "We have a long-standing connection with members of these groups and therefore it was easy for us to collaborate and provide this donation."

The NNSVH opened in the fall of 2019, providing short-term rehabilitation, long-term care and memory care. The 102,000 square foot facility has 96 beds and many amenities. NNSVH is overseen by the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) and operated 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 assistance with 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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