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Nevada Women's Philanthropy grants \$405,000 to U.S.VETS – Las Vegas

\$30,000 NWP Founders Gift awarded to Shade Tree Shelter Las Vegas

Las Vegas (June 6, 2017) – Nevada Women's Philanthropy (NWP) elected to grant \$405,000 to U.S.VETS – Las Vegas to upgrade security and provide more assistance at its residential facility at Las Vegas Boulevard at Bonanza Road. The NWP Founders Gift for \$30,000 will be awarded to Shade Tree Shelter.

"U.S.VETS – Las Vegas is an incredible organization that provides unmatched services to more than 600 homeless veterans in our community each year," NWP President, Tami Hance said. "We are thrilled to be able to help make the U.S.VETS facility a safer space for the men and women who have valiantly served our country. It is an honor to welcome both U.S.VETS and Shade Tree Shelter to our NWP grant family."

Security upgrades to the U.S.VETS - Las Vegas operation include installing a fence to enclose the campus, adding an emergency intercom system and adding electronic locks on the vets' room doors. A full-time licensed therapist and four veteran housing assistants who will prepare clients for permanent housing will also be hired through grant funds.

"Loud cheers were heard throughout the dining hall when I told the vets our project was being funded," Shalimar Cabrera, Executive Director of U.S.VETS – Las Vegas said. "It was their feedback over many months about how the site could be made more secure that was the guiding force behind our project. We are so grateful that NWP is giving us the opportunity to improve our services for veterans."

This year NWP received 25 unique grant applications for the NWP Impact Grant. Each applicant is thoroughly vetted by NWP's members who study the operation, meet staff and scrutinize budgets before narrowing down the applicants to two who present their ideas to the membership at large who determine the recipient by popular vote.

About U.S.VETS

The mission of United States Veterans Initiative (U.S.VETS) is the successful transition of military veterans and their families through the provision of housing, counseling, career development and comprehensive support. Founded in 1992, U.S.VETS is the largest nonprofit organization of its kind in the United States, providing an array of support services to at-risk veterans across five states and the District of Columbia. U.S.VETS has operated in Las Vegas since 2001. For more information on U.S. VETS, please visit www.usvetsinc.org

About Shade Tree Shelter Las Vegas

The Shade Tree is Southern Nevada's only 24-hour accessible emergency shelter for women and children in crisis, servicing many who are victims of domestic violence and/or human trafficking. The Shade Tree Shelter offers 364 permanent beds and provides over 100,000 nights of shelter over 165,000 meals every year. To learn more please visit www.theshadetree.org.

About NWP

Nevada Women's Philanthropy (NWP) is a member-driven, pooled-fund, large impact grant-making organization established in 2005 to address the needs of the greater Las Vegas community. NWP's membership consists of philanthropically motivated women, united by a powerful desire to address emerging issues facing our community in the areas of arts, education, environment, social services, and health. NWP has invested \$4.5 million with 22 nonprofit organizations in Southern Nevada to date. To learn more, please visit www.nevadawomensphilanthropy.org.

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