

# Reno Housing Authority RELEASE

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## **New, No-Cost After School Care in the North Valleys**

*RHA partners with 4-H and Food Bank of Northern Nevada to provide affordable housing residents new services, amenities*

RENO, Nev. — To better serve its residents in the north valleys, the Reno Housing Authority introduced a revamped playground at the Essex Manor public housing complex and a partnership with University of Nevada, Reno Extension’s 4-H that offers after school care to families in the complex.

With raffles for kids and adults, RHA welcomed all residents and other community members to attend the grand opening.

Like many RHA programs, free after school care offers extensive support to families. It provides a safe space for children to have fun and receive a hot meal, while reinforcing academic and life skills. In the meantime, it also allows families to work towards self-sufficiency.

“There is a continuous need for quality child care,” said RHA Executive Director Dr. Hilary Lopez. “With help from our community partners, we are proud to provide that option for these RHA families.”

4-H teaches youth transferable life skills through inquiry-based learning using research-based curriculum. After school snacks and meals are provided by Food Bank of Northern Nevada. The revamped recreation area is open for students and residents alike to enjoy.

RHA is always looking for new opportunities to increase amenities and supportive programs for public housing residents, and this is one more way for the organization to do so.

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*Predominantly federally funded, the Reno Housing Authority provides affordable housing for qualifying residents of Washoe County. We help ensure nearly 9,000 Nevadans have a safe, secure place to call home through Housing Choice Vouchers, public housing and affordable market-rate properties. We’ve helped people afford to live in northern Nevada for 79 years.*

