

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 **OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE**
PRIDE. PURPOSE. AND A PAYCHECK.

Save The Date
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019

**OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE
RALPH AND BETTY ENGELSTAD CAMPUS AND SEAN'S PARK
6050 S. BUFFALO DRIVE, LAS VEGAS, NV 89113**



GET TICKETS



Picks for OV is back with an inaugural NCAA Tournament bracket competition, Hoops Hoopla! Our Fall Football competition was such a success we're staying in the sports game with an all new challenge. Due to the interest in the football challenge, we have opened our spring basketball competition up to EVERYONE! Purchase your brackets (two maximum per individual), submit your tournament predictions by March 21 and have the chance to win AWESOME prizes and compete against celebrities, athletes and prominent Las Vegans while donating to a great cause. **Sign up at PicksForOV.com.**

HOW TO PLAY

- Register **HERE** and purchase your bracket anytime between now and March 17, 2019 (\$50 for one bracket, \$95 for two)
- Check your inbox on the morning of March 18th for the e-mail containing a link to fill out your bracket
- Fill out and submit your bracket by 7:00 a.m. PST on March 21st
- Enjoy the tournament!

For more information on how to sponsor this exciting competition, please email Daryl Sprague at spragued@opportunityvillage.org





March
to \$100K

Opportunity Village is celebrating Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month with an exciting campaign to raise \$100,000 throughout the month of March. The funds raised will benefit the numerous programs and services provided by Opportunity Village.

People with disabilities often live their lives being told what they can't do. Opportunity Village strives to break that stigma, encouraging the people it serves to follow their dreams. This March, be a hero to one of the nearly 2,000 individuals we serve by making a contribution, volunteering, or helping us spread the word!

Click **HERE** to learn more!

Would your business be interested in hosting an event in March to benefit the March to 100k? Email Daryl at spragued@opportunityvillage.org



On March 21, 2019, Nevadans will unite for 24 hours of online giving to support their favorite charitable causes during the 8th Annual Nevada's Big Give. Help Opportunity Village raise funds, gain supporters and make a real impact for adults with disabilities – all in one big day.

However, you don't have to wait! Opportunity Village began accepting donations for Nevada's Big Give starting February 21!

Click **HERE** for more information.



Volunteer

GIVE BACK

ALL YEAR LONG AT OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE!

We have volunteer opportunities every day at Opportunity Village. School, community, and corporate groups can bring their teams to be of service at one of our four unique campuses, the Opportunity Village Thrift Store or one of our many off-site events. Individual volunteers bring special skills and dedication every day – lending a hand in our daily activities or taking on leadership roles like teaching dance, yoga, gardening, sign language, financial literacy – the opportunities are endless! We couldn't do what we do without the thousands of volunteers who serve each year.

Click **HERE** to learn more about available opportunities and apply today.



EVERYDAY SUPERHEROES AT OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE

Many Opportunity Village staff members know client Michael B. loves to draw.

But it wasn't until December that everyone discovered his unique talent and passion for writing.

Splitting his time between Opportunity Village's Employment Resource Center and Fine & Performing Arts Program, Michael has been known to pass out his free-hand sketches and color drawings of his own superheroes to staff members since joining Opportunity Village in 2010.

One day, he surprised the staff at our Ralph & Betty Engelstad Campus with an original write-up titled "Tales of COA," a 24-page fiction story detailing the "superpowers" of the campus' Case Management team.

The story features Engelstad case managers Suzanne, Quinten, Julius and Lori teaming up with Michael and his best friend, Jaime, to fight off Opportunity Village Theatre Mentor, Kimm, and her "army of the mind control."*

In Michael's story, we learn Kimm has become brainwashed and wants to rule the world and "restart a new order" with this devious army of hers. But that's when the COAs, who secretly are "superheroes that protect everyone," throw on their outfits and save the day.



Julius, Quinten, Michael, and Suzanne

Spoiler: the COAs eventually defeat the evil side in the ultimate battle by fusing their powers together.

Michael ends the story by telling readers the world is safe again. But like other talented authors, he keeps us on our toes with a major cliffhanger.

"Or is it?" he asks, setting up a possible sequel.

*Note: Michael previously was in the ERC full time, but recently joined Opportunity Village's FPA Program because of Kimm, who noticed his acting skills and love of theater, and advocated for him to join her program. Michael now participates in theatre class two days a week.

TALES OF COA

ONCE a POUN a TIME ON a Day JUST like any others at OVI was the COA team SUEZAN, LORI, JULIUS AN QUINTON BUT what people did'nt know was that in secret they were SUPER HEROES that PROTECTS EVERYONE. →

Read Michael's superhero tale by clicking on the image above.

COMMUNITY PARTNER SHOUT OUTS



Opportunity Village relies on support from the Southern Nevada community to make a difference in the lives of the people with disabilities we serve. We'd like to thank the following groups for their volunteer projects, serving at the Opportunity Village Thrift Store and Employment Resource Centers, helping us out at the World Market Trade Show, and taking part in various Oakey Campus projects:

- Wells Fargo
- Mortenson McCarthy Joint Venture
- Clark County Corrections
- Leadership Advance
- Nevada Community Enrichment Program
- MGM Resorts Fixed Assets Team
- Raising Cane's
- DR Horton
- UNLV Upward Bound
- Sands

OAKLEY RENOVATIONS

West Oakey Campus Expansion

Ground was broken on February 21 for the long awaited West Oakey Campus expansion project. The existing building was constructed in 1990 and has served thousands of Opportunity Village clients through the years. The updated and remodeled campus will fulfill current and future client needs for the most up-to-date job training, therapeutic habilitation and creative endeavors.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and to support this amazing project.



How long has it been since you last visited the Opportunity Village Thrift Store? Recently, we've made shopping and donating more convenient than ever with extended store hours and donation drop-off locations throughout Southern Nevada.

The Opportunity Village Thrift Store, located at 390 S. Decatur Blvd in Las Vegas, is now open Monday thru Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Opportunity Village now has three conveniently located attended donation sites open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Drop by today:

Click [HERE](#) to learn about current store specials and where to shop online!



The Crossing Church
7950 W. Windmill Ln.
Las Vegas, NV 89113

Spring Valley Hospital
5400 S. Rainbow Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89118



Centennial Hills Hospital
6900 N. Durango Dr.
Las Vegas, NV 89149

