

The United Women in Faith of the Carson Valley United Methodist Church Support the following international, national & local programs. (Revised March 2026)

International Programs

Heifer International

Heifer International is a global nonprofit founded in 1944 that works to end hunger and poverty by providing livestock, seeds, tools, and training to small-scale farmers. Focused on sustainable, long-term development, it helps families in 21 countries achieve economic self-reliance and a "living income" through agricultural improvements.

National Programs

Gum Moon Women's Residence

The Gum Moon Women's Residence is a historic, safe, and affordable housing facility located in San Francisco's Chinatown, established in 1868 to support women and children, particularly those from marginalized backgrounds or facing transitions. It offers transitional housing, early childhood education, and enrichment programs for women, families, and immigrants.

Mary Elizabeth Inn

The Mary Elizabeth Inn (MEI) is a San Francisco-based non-profit organization that has provided safe, affordable, and permanent housing for low-income and formerly homeless women—including survivors of domestic violence—since 1914. Located on Bush Street, it offers 92 units of housing, on-site case management, counseling, and food programs to empower women toward self-sufficiency.

Earth Angels

This organization was created out of a desire to give back to community members who are experiencing disease, death or emergency. Started by Helen Clark in Wellington, NV, Earth Angels is a mission of the United Japanese Christian Church of Clovis CA. They make and give away: Blessing Gown packets for preemies or babies who have passed away, quilted blankets for children in hospitals, foster care and shelters and comfort quilts for cancer patients, youth & veterans. Contact Nancy Raymond for more information!

Local Programs

City of Refuge

City of Refuge is a safe place for pregnant women. It is a home for women and teens who choose to give their baby the ultimate gift...LIFE. At City of Refuge the women will find not only safe shelter in a peaceful rural environment, but a caring community to share life with.

Abbey's Crossing

They provide confidential shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. Typical stay is ninety days. Assistance is provided to gain self-sufficiency: goal sessions, crisis intervention, transportation, job referrals, and other resources.

Carson Valley Community Food Closet

Carson Valley Community Food Closet is a non-profit organization providing food to qualifying residents in Douglas County. Basic commodities are provided on a monthly basis to participants to supplement their food supply. They strive to provide participants with a variety of healthy food from each food group. The Food Closet operates through contributions made by Carson Valley residents, local service groups, churches, businesses and local food merchants.

Awaken

Awaken is a local faith-based non-profit organization whose mission is to increase awareness and education surrounding the issue of commercial sexual exploitation and to provide housing and restoration for its victims.

Suicide Prevention Network

They are dedicated to understanding and preventing suicide through support, education, and advocacy. Their mission is to provide suicide prevention and awareness through intervention, education and support services for all. Their goal is to create a suicide-free community by eliminating the option of suicide as a solution for escaping depression, bullying, divorce, unemployment, loneliness, mental illness or any other cause for hopelessness.

Austin's House

Since 2007, Austin's House has provided emergency shelter and compassionate care for children in Northern Nevada who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. They provide care to both boys and girls between the ages of birth to 18 until they are either reunited with their family or an appropriate long-term placement is made.

Family Support Council

The mission of the Family Support Council is to provide education, prevention, and intervention services to support growth and development of healthy families. They provide a wide variety of confidential and free support, resources, referrals, and educational services. They advocate for victims of violence as well as provide shelter for adult and child victims. They provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities, mental illnesses, or traumatic brain injuries.

Kids & Horses

Kids & Horses is a non-profit organization that serves children and adults with disabilities in Northern Nevada through the use of horses. Kids & Horses offers a variety of services, including physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and adaptive riding lessons. The center is Premier Accredited through the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl).

Project Santa Claus

Since 1988, Project Santa Claus has partnered with community members, local businesses, and service clubs to provide Christmas gifts to children in need throughout the Carson Valley.

Alpine Kids

The Alpine Kids program was founded in 1981, by Founder & Director, Edie Veatch, in Alpine County, California. Their Mission: To prevent child abuse & neglect, and domestic violence, while strengthening families & communities through play. Their Goal: To make life better for children & their families by teaching them how to play together without the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco or vaping.

Backpack Buddies of Douglas County

Backpack Buddies is a volunteer-driven, non-profit program based in Nevada that provides weekend, non-perishable food to food-insecure students (PreK-12). The program distributes bags with seven meals every Friday to help students stay nourished, leading to improved academic performance, attendance, and reduced behavioral issues.

Boys & Girls Club- Carson Valley Chapter

The Boys & Girls Clubs of America is a national organization providing safe, supervised, and affordable after-school and summer programs for children and teens (typically ages 6–18). Focused on enabling youth to reach their full potential, clubs offer mentoring, healthy meals, and activities in STEM, arts, sports, and leadership.

China Springs Youth Camp

China Spring Youth Camp (CSYC) is a state-accredited residential facility in Gardnerville, NV, providing behavioral healthcare, therapy, and education for at-risk male and female juvenile offenders aged 12–18. Located in the Pinenut Mountains, it focuses on rehabilitation for court-ordered, low-to-moderate risk youth.

Partnership Douglas County

Partnership Douglas County (PDC) is a non-profit organization in Nevada that fosters community health, safety, and wellness through education, collaboration, and resource connection. It focuses on preventing substance abuse, providing mental health support, and aiding seniors, youth, and families in Douglas County.

Project School Days

Project School Days in Gardnerville, NV, is a 27-year-old volunteer-run non-profit organization that provides free school supplies to approximately 1,945 students and 90 teachers in the local community. Funded by donations, the group supplies items like backpacks, binders, and calculators to support education.

Xquisite

Xquisite is a Carson City-based non-profit organization founded in 2012 by Brenda Sandquist that provides support, advocacy, and resources for survivors of sex trafficking, sexual assault, and domestic violence. Located at 310 N Stewart St, it offers free, confidential services, including an online Advocacy Academy to help victims heal and rebuild their lives.