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Together in health and happiness

The Health Care Heroes issue

Fall 2019



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The hero within

Not all heroes wear capes. They might wear scrubs or white coats or valet uniforms. They might carry flowers, a meal tray, or a rosary. In this issue of *Reach*, we salute health care heroes who save the day—and whose daily devotion to *humankindness* makes a world of difference.

Supermom! With St. Rose Dominican by her side, Gina took on her daughter's nemesis, sickle cell disease, as an advocate for greater awareness and care. Read her story, beginning on page 4.

Be the hero of your own story. Small steps today can add up to a giant leap for heart health. Find out how to get started (page 6) and how to start your kids on a heart-healthy path (page 8).

Dynamic duo. On page 9, we catch up with two doctors who pioneered a program to protect women and babies from opioid addiction. See what EMPOWERED has achieved in its first year.

Give your pet a hero's welcome for all the joy they bring. See our special event (back page).

The Womens Care/Outreach Centers

have supported Dignity Health—St. Rose Dominican's commitment to improving the health of the women, men, and children in southern Nevada since 1998. A wide variety of free or low-cost wellness, nutrition, fitness, and health classes and screenings are offered at our three convenient locations. For information, visit **StRoseHospitals.org**.

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Special events

Neighborhood Hospital Healthcare Harvest Festivals

Blue Diamond Campus: Thursday, Oct. 17, 2 to 6 p.m.

North Las Vegas Campus: Friday, Oct. 18, 2 to 6 p.m.

West Flamingo Campus: Saturday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Learn about the amazing services offered at these locations, including Dignity Health Wellness Centers, our full-service emergency rooms, and physical therapy. Visit **StRoseHospitals.org/** classes for details.

Adult Mental Health First Aid

A mental health emergency might need medical attention before professional help arrives. Learn how to provide basic first aid to help someone experiencing a mental health crisis until the appropriate treatment and support are available.

Saturday, Dec. 14, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. GVI FREE

Weight-Loss Surgery Seminars

Curious about bariatric surgery? Get your questions answered and meet our bariatric surgeons and team. Call **702.616.4976** to register.

Tuesdays, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, 5 to 6 p.m.
Thursdays, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19, 5 to 6 p.m.

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Stop the Bleed

Learn lifesaving skills to quickly stop an injury's heavy bleeding while waiting for emergency responders to arrive.

Wednesday, Nov. 6 or Dec. 4, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Hernia Screening & Education Event

Do you have nausea, groin pain, or a bulge in your lower abdomen? Come learn all about hernias and get a free screening. Register by calling **702.616.4900**.

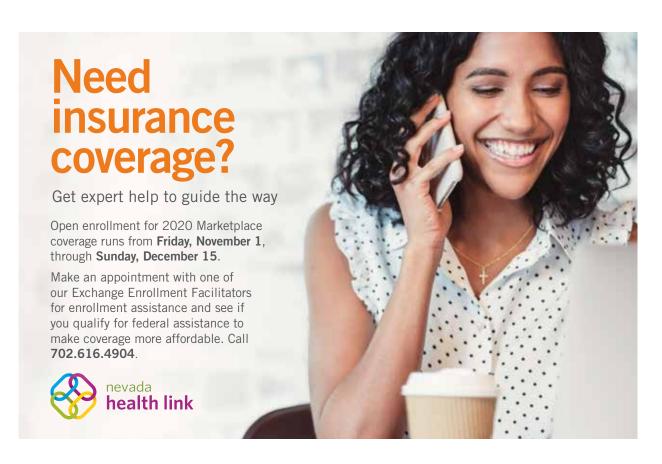
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 4 to 5 p.m. GVJ FREE

See pages 10–11 for the location key and more classes and events.









Without delay! 7 great reasons to get your flu vaccine



1. IMMUNIZATION IS THE NO. 1 BEST WAY TO PREVENT THE FLU. With rare exceptions, everyone 6 months and older needs a yearly flu vaccine.



2. SPARE YOURSELF. The flu can bring miserable symptoms and lead to missing work or school.



3. INFLUENZA MAKES SOME PEOPLE SERIOUSLY ILL. Every year, flu complications lead to hospital stays—and even deaths.



4. VIRUSES TEND TO CHANGE EACH FLU SEASON. Scientists review U.S. flu vaccines yearly to make sure they best match circulating viruses.



5. INFLUENZA SPREADS. Be ready—get vaccinated as soon as possible.



6. FLU VACCINES HAVE A SOLID SAFETY RECORD. Vaccines can't give you the flu—and serious side effects are very rare.



7. SHOT OR SPRAY? You can have it your way. Flu vaccines are available as shots or nasal sprays.*

*The nasal spray is an option for healthy people ages 2 through 49 who are



STEP UP FOR YOUR PROTECTION!

Find locations for flu vaccine clinics at southernnevadahealthdistrict.org.

Hello humankindness.

"Anyone who does anything to help a child in his life is a hero to me."

—Fred Rogers ("Mister Rogers")

Champions for change



One mother, a hospital, and a community unite for better sickle cell care

It began as a challenging conversation—a hospital executive talking with an exasperated mother advocating for her sick child. It ended with the forging of a partnership and a new law.

Gina Glass is the mother of Gia, her "Warrior," a brave and beautiful 4-year-old girl. Gia has sickle cell disease, or SCD—a rare, hereditary group of disorders that affects hemoglobin, the molecule in red blood cells that delivers oxygen to cells throughout the body. People with this condition have atypical hemoglobin molecules, which can distort red blood cells into a sickle, or crescent, shape.

Gia's SCD was diagnosed at birth. It was then that her mother dreamed up the name "Dreamsickle" for an organization she wanted to start that would help children and their parents manage the condition. When the Glass family moved to Nevada and discovered a lack of resources in Las Vegas for the sickle cell population, Gina decided it was time to turn her idea into reality.

Shining a light

Gina is now executive director of the Dreamsickle Kids Foundation, whose mission is to advance education and awareness of SCD in Nevada.

"I want to help educate people on sickle cell, the trait, and why more awareness and better resources for the sickle cell community should be important to us all," Gina says. "While Nevada may have a small population

The How will the law help?

AB254 creates a state registry for people with sickle cell disease. Gathering data on these cases will raise awareness among patients and medical caregivers, as well as allow experts to measure the number of patients in Nevada and identify trends by tracking the number, type, and severity of incidents.

The measure also requires all newborns susceptible to SCD to be screened at birth. Each biological parent may also be screened, as many people are unaware if they carry the sickle cell trait. Hospitals and medical labs that screen for SCD will be required to report findings to the state. The new law went into effect on Oct. 1.

Who gets sickle cell disease?

Sickle cell disease affects millions of people throughout the world. It is particularly common among those whose ancestors came from sub-Saharan Africa, Spanish-speaking regions in the Western Hemisphere (South America, the Caribbean, and Central America), Saudi Arabia, India, and Mediterranean countries (such as Turkey, Greece, and Italy).



SCD can cause pulmonary hypertension, jaundice, extreme fatigue, delayed growth and development, and episodes of severe pain. "Signs and symptoms of SCD usually begin in early childhood and cause a number of life-threatening or life-altering complications," says Chike Nzerue, MD, MBA, FACP.

The exact number of people living with SCD in the United States is unknown, but it is estimated that 1 in 13 black or African American babies is born with the SCD trait. It affects about 100,000 Americans, including 1 in 365 black or African Americans and 1 in 16,300 Hispanic Americans.

of people with SCD, that does not mean they should not be counted and have the same access to care as someone with a more common disability."

At a community barbecue last summer, Gina was fortunate to meet Nevada Assemblywoman Dina Neal, who was working on an SCD bill for the upcoming session of the Nevada Legislature.

"I felt very strongly about making sure that this lost population was lifted up and that their comprehensive care needs were taken care of in the system," says Assemblywoman Neal. "I knew if I didn't do anything statutory, the gains we had made in the interim would be lost."

Rising to the challenge

After a visit to the Siena Campus emergency department with Gia in January, Gina reached out to St. Rose Dominican to discuss the challenges and treatment needs of SCD patients. Chike Nzerue, MD, MBA, FACP, Chief Medical Officer for Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican, was sympathetic to her frustrations and concerns. As a physician and a parent, he understood. His own son has SCD.

"Not enough attention has been paid to this disease," says Dr. Nzerue. "Due to the lack of knowledge in the medical community about the disease, these patients don't always receive appropriate, timely care, and their pain is often left unmanaged."

Dr. Nzerue was also aware that this issue needed further guidance from Nevada health officials and asked Dignity Health Government Relations Director Katie Ryan, the hospital's top public policy expert, to join the discussion.

After AB254 was approved by the committee, the bill went on to pass both the state Assembly and state Senate and was signed into law by Gov. Steve Sisolak.

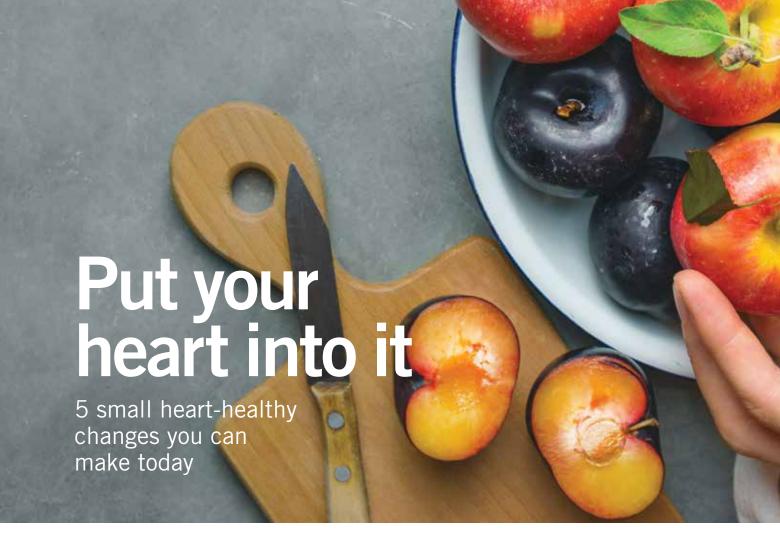
"When we met Gina and learned more about her situation and her mission at the Nevada Legislature, we were happy to lend our support," Ryan says. "We wanted to make sure that not only legislators but other advocates as well knew St. Rose Dominican was on their side on this issue."

Testifying for change

Dr. Nzerue and Ryan both pledged to be by Gina's side when the SCD measure went before the Legislature. Along with Gina, Dr. Nzerue was on the witness list when Assemblywoman Neal's bill came up for a hearing.

"The day of the hearing, I was expecting it to be just me and two other advocates-Gia's doctor and Dr. Nzerue," Gina recalls. She was surprised and elated to find the room filled with supporters. The bill they testified in favor of, AB254, would create the process for gathering data for Nevada to better assess patient needs, raise awareness, and make clinicians more familiar with protocols regarding care for SCD patients. It also outlined who pays for treatment.

"There aren't a lot of terrific days in the Legislature, but the day this bill passed out of committee was one of them for me," says Assemblywoman Neal. "It was a highlight of the session to propose and craft this legislation, then hear Gina and Dr. Nzerue give their heartfelt testimony and convince committee members it deserved their support."



Here's something that's good to know about your heart's health: Even small changes in your daily habits can make a big difference. "Seemingly tiny actions can add up to a healthier heart over time," says Lauren Goddard, RDN, LD, registered dietitian at the St. Rose Dominican Community Health Center. "Plus, they can inspire you to do even more to take care of yourself."

Here are five simple steps you can start on right away.

- 1 Enjoy fruit for snacks. Eating more produce is a heart-healthy choice. Plus, many fruits are portable—think apples, oranges, and bananas—which makes them easy snack options if you're on the job or the road. When hunger hits, having a piece of fruit handy can help you avoid less-healthy options.
- 2 Take 10-minute walking breaks. If you sit much of the time, get up for a quick stroll several times a day. Sitting less and moving more is good for your heart and your body overall. "Fit in three of these walks daily and you'll have your 30 minutes of recommended aerobic activity," says Goddard.
- 3 Give screens an earlier bedtime. Too little sleep can hurt your heart and increase your risk for other diseases, such as obesity and type 2 diabetes, which can also affect heart health. Watching TV or using your smartphone or computer close to bedtime can make winding down and falling asleep harder. Try giving yourself a deadline for turning off your screens an hour before bedtime every night. Listening to relaxing music, taking a bath, or reading a book may help you doze off.



Wellness is just steps away. The St. Rose Dominican Community Health Centers offer a wide variety of heart-health and fitness classes. Learn more and register for a free or low-cost class at StRoseHospitals.org/classes.



- 4 Have a hearty chuckle. Laughter eases stress, lightening your mood and the extra strain on your heart. For a regular dose of hilarity, set aside time to watch some laugh-out-loud videos. Just not too close to bedtime!
- 5 Compare food labels for sodium. Too much sodium can boost blood pressure, which is hard on your heart. Different brands of foods can have different sodium amounts. It only takes a moment to read food labels and to choose the brand with the least amount of sodium.

What happens in a cath lab?

A cardiac catheterization lab is where specially trained heart teams perform minimally invasive procedures to diagnose and treat heart problems. Very often, those procedures involve tiny tubes called catheters, which doctors insert into a large blood vessel that leads to the heart.

The catheters allow doctors to access the heart and blood vessels without doing surgery. Procedures performed in the cath lab include:

Angiography. A catheter is used to inject a dye that can be seen on x-rays as it flows through the heart's arteries. This lets doctors look for narrowed or blocked arteries that feed the heart.

Angioplasty. A catheter with a balloon at its tip is threaded into a narrowed or blocked heart artery. Dye is injected to allow the doctor to see the area. The balloon is inflated, which compresses the blockage in the artery. Doctors may also insert a stent—or wire mesh tube—to help keep the artery open.

Balloon valvuloplasty. This also involves the use of a balloontipped catheter, which is threaded into a narrowed heart valve. Injected dye provides clearer images of the valve on a monitor. The balloon is expanded to help stretch open the valve.

Doctors may also use the catheters to collect blood samples or tissue from the heart, evaluate how well the pumping chambers contract, and measure the oxygen in different parts of the heart.

Sources: American Heart Association; National Institutes of Health; Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions

Stellar heart and stroke care



San Martín Campus.

American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines-Stroke **GOLD PLUS** Achievement Award



Siena Campus.

American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline-STEMI Receiving Center **GOLD PLUS** Achievement Award



Siena Campus.

American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines-Stroke GOLD PLUS with Honor Roll Elite Achievement Award



You step up

to help your children with their homework, and you remind them to brush their teeth.



How about helping them do something good for their hearts? "It's never too early to start establishing a heart-healthy way of life," says Emily Peterson, DO, FAAP, pediatrician with Dignity

Health Medical Group Nevada.

Here's why: Even though kids rarely get heart disease, the process leading to it—the gradual buildup of fat, cholesterol, and other substances in arteries—can actually begin in childhood. This can put kids at future risk for a heart attack or stroke when they grow up. And the chances of that happening increase when kids develop heart disease risk factors such as obesity, type 2 diabetes, high cholesterol, or high blood pressure.

Good for the whole family

Dr. Peterson offers these suggestions to give your household a heart-healthy boost.

Serve up good eats. Make sure plenty of healthy food choices are available at home. A few specific tips:

- Serve veggies, fruit, and whole grains every day.
- Shop for foods that are lower in saturated fat, such as lean meat and low-fat milk, yogurt, and cheese.
- Limit packaged foods with trans fats, such as cookies, cakes, crackers, and frozen pizza.
- Cut back on sweets and sugary drinks.

Invite kids into the kitchen. Let your children help you prepare healthy meals. It's a great way to teach them about good food choices.

Set your family in motion. Kids who are 6 years and older need 60 minutes of daily activity. Make being active a family affair. Go on walks and bike rides or play sports and games. Tag, anyone?

Check in for checkups. Along with assessing overall health, a doctor can check a child's weight, blood pressure, and cholesterol. Of course, teens and adults in the family need checkups, too.



Love thy neighbor. Do you have time to help seniors? Helping Hands provides transportation and pantry delivery services to Henderson residents age 60 and older. If you'd like to volunteer, call 702.616.6554.

Heroes to moms and babies

Freedom from opioid addiction leads to new, happier beginnings

You are not alone. That has been the takeaway for both patients and practitioners in the EMPOWERED (Empowering Mothers for Positive Outcomes with Education, Recovery, and Early Development) program, whose success has earned it grant funding for a second year.

EMPOWERED helps mothers whose infants may have neonatal abstinence syndrome as a result of opioid use during pregnancy. Babies born dependent can spend weeks or months in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU).

NICU heroes

The program was developed at the Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican Siena Campus by Neonatologist and NICU Director Deepa Nagar, MD, and NICU Clinical Pharmacist Andria Peterson, PharmD. Their work with EMPOWERED was

recently recognized with two awards, the 2019 Healthcare Heroes "Innovator" Award from Nevada Business Magazine and the Nevada Hospital Association's 2019 "Imagination" Award.

When mothers come to us, we tell them they have a baby to think of now, Dr. Nagar says. But they are not alone because they have people who will help-family, friends, and doctors. "We focus on the child and allow that to be their motivation," she says.

EMPOWERED connects women with caring doctors and helps make sure they get referred to local resources and programs. Many mothers struggling with substance abuse are often afraid to seek help because they fear someone will call the police or child protective services and they will lose custody



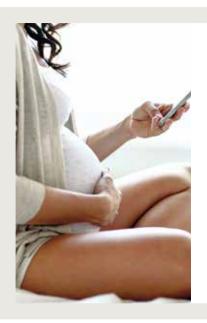


of their children. EMPOWERED provides the answers and resources they need.

"Pregnant moms are ready for change," Dr. Peterson says. "Even mothers with substance abuse problems. Doctors refer patients to us, but the majority of our calls come from the mothers themselves."

Since the start of the program in 2018, EMPOWERED has assisted nearly 100 mothers and their babies. It reduced or eliminated the need for prolonged stays in the NICU and saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in medical care expenses.

Dr. Nagar says sympathy and compassion are key to the success of EMPOWERED. "These mothers need someone to be there for them as they face these challenges," she says. "We provide that for them."



Pregnant? Need help?



If you or someone you know is pregnant and dealing with a substance abuse problem, contact the EMPOWERED program at 702.492.8593 to speak with someone about getting help.

EMPOWERED provides community resources, education, and connections to treatment or recovery services for pregnant and postpartum women taking opioids for any reason. You may qualify if:

- You are pregnant and are taking opioids
- You would like help finding community resources

EMPOWERED also provides breastfeeding support, parenting classes, support groups, and more.

For your health *Find our special events on page 2.

Calendar of classes and events | Fall 2019

Registration: For classes that require registration, you can sign up online at StRoseHospitals.org/classes. Payment can also be made online for most classes (drop-in classes require payment on arrival). Or you can call 702.616.4900 to register 24/7.



Find our full class listing at StRoseHospitals.org/classes

✓ Fitness, nutrition, and wellness classes and screenings

✓ Programs for diabetes, heart and stroke care, cancer, and quitting smoking



Pregnancy & Childbirth

Text4Baby

Text **BABY** to **511411** to get FREE tips and reminders throughout your pregnancy and your baby's first year.

Fit 4 Baby

Join FIT4MOM® Las Vegas for an interval-based prenatal fitness class. Register at lasvegas.fit4mom.com. Saturdays, 10 to 11 a.m. **GV** 10 classes for \$110

Car Seat Safety Checks

Call **702.616.4902** for an appointment.

Fridays, Oct. 11, Nov. 15, Dec. 13, 1 to 5 p.m. Fridays, Oct. 18, Nov. 22, Dec. 20, 1 to 5 p.m. **GV** \$10 Tuesdays, Nov. 5, Dec. 3,

10 a.m. to noon **WEST** \$10

St. Rose WIC Nutrition Program

Healthy food, nutrition consultations, and breastfeeding support. For children up to age 5 and expecting mothers. Call **702.616.4905**.

GV WEST HEND FREE

Prenatal Classes

Prenatal Yoga

Become more resilient during and after pregnancy.

Mondays, 4 to 5 p.m.

WEST \$3 per class or eight sessions for \$20

Mondays, 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.

GV \$3 per class or eight sessions for \$20

Baby Basics

GV \$30

Breastfeeding

GV \$30

Childbirth Express

GV \$35

Daddy Boot Camp

GV \$20

Infant CPR

cv \$20

Prepared Childbirth

GV \$50

Gestational Diabetes Consultations

Call 702.616.4975.

Smoking Cessation for Pregnancy

Call the Nevada Tobacco Quitline: 800.784.8669.

Breastfeeding

Breastfeeding Helpline and Consultations Call 702.616.4908.

GV WEST \$50

My Baby App

Download Dignity Health's My Baby App from the App Store or Google Play to track pregnancy milestones, identify symptoms, and connect to services for a healthier pregnancy.

Mv Babv

Baby Weigh Stations

No appointment necessary.

GV WEST HEND FREE

Breast Pump Rentals

Rent a hospital-grade, double-electric pump.

GV WEST

New Mommy Mixer

Mondays, 11 a.m. to noon HEND FREE

Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to noon WEST FREE

Fridays, 11 a.m. to noon GV FRFF



LOCATION KEY

COND Siena Campus-Conference Room D, Henderson 3001 St. Rose Parkway

Lake Las Vegas

REII Siena Campus Rehabilitation Hospital, Henderson 2930 Siena Heights Drive





FREE Birth Center tours

San Martín Campus: Third Saturday mornings and every

Tuesday evening

Siena Campus: First and third Saturday afternoons and second and fourth Monday evenings

Register at StRoseHospitals.org/classes.

Infants, Children & Parenting

Stroller Strides

Get a workout while engaging your baby. Register at lasvegas.fit4mom.com.

Fridays, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. GV 10 classes for \$110

Infant Nutrition

A registered dietitian leads a weekly mommy-baby group focused on homemade baby food, weaning, starting solids, and more.

Wednesdays, 2 to 3 p.m. GVI FREE

Infant Development

Learn all about baby cues and nutrition in this playgroup for babies up to age 1.

Mondays, 2 to 3 p.m.

GV FREE

Love and Logic®: Parenting Made Fun!

Learn helpful and easy tips.

Wednesdays, Oct. 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 20, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
WEST \$50 per individual/ couple

Toddler Play Group

Toddlers ages 3 and under join us for music and movement.

Tuesdays, noon to 12:45 p.m. GV FREE

Tuesdays, 3 to 4 p.m.
WEST FREE

Zumba[®] Kids

Kid-friendly routines for ages 7 through 11.

Tuesdays, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, 10 to 11 a.m.

GV FREE

Thursdays, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Zumba[®] Kids Jr.

For ages 4 through 6.

Tuesdays, 1 to 2 p.m. GVI FREE

Wednesdays, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.

Mommy and Baby Yoga

For moms with babies ages 6 weeks to 1 year.

Mondays, 3 to 4 p.m.

WEST \$3 per class or eight sessions for \$20

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Mondays, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. GV \$3 per class or

Toddlers in the Kitchen

Get your toddler engaged in healthy eating! Ages 1 to 4.

Thursdays, Oct. 17, Nov. 7, 21, Dec. 5, 19, 11 a.m. to

HEND FREE

Zumbini

GV FREE

Enhance your child's motor and cognitive skills and developmental milestones.

Fridays, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.
WEST FREE

Thursdays, 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. HEND FREE

Thursdays, 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. or noon to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, 9:15 to 10 a.m.

Wee Can Sign: Baby Sign Language Level I

Three-week series for parents with babies up to 1 year old. Visit weecansign.com. Thursdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16, noon to 1 p.m.

WEST \$69 (includes DVD)

Sing and Sign: Baby Sign Language Level II

For parents with toddlers ages 1 to 3. Visit weecansign.com. Thursdays, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

WEST \$69 (includes Pick Me Up kit)

Sing and Sign: Food Time

Learn ASL signs for healthy foods. For parents with children ages newborn to 2 years.

Tuesdays, 2 to 2:30 p.m. GVI FREE

Thursdays, Oct. 17, Nov. 7, 21, Dec. 5, 19, 1 to 1:30 p.m. Waste FRFF

Fridays, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20, noon to 12:30 p.m.

Wellness

Weight Management Program

Call **702.616.4976** for information.

Zumba

Tuesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturdays, 11 a.m. to noon Specified by \$5 per session or five sessions for \$20

Let's Talk

Restore, inspire, support, and educate—a peer support group for those who need mental and emotional support during pregnancy and postpartum.

Wednesdays, noon to 1 p.m.

Mondays, noon to 1 p.m.

Fridays, noon to 1 p.m.

Support for moms-to-be and new moms

You're not alone: Many pregnant women and new moms experience anxiety or a mood disorder. Find helpful resources at **nvmch.org**.

GV Womens*Care***/Outreach Center** Green Valley 2651 Paseo Verde Parkway, Suite 180

Womens Care/Outreach Center
Rose de Lima Campus, Henderson
98 E. Lake Mead Parkway, Suite 301

MAC Siena Campus–MacDonald Room Henderson 3001 St. Rose Parkway

RAN Rose de Lima Campus-Annex Henderson 102 E. Lake Mead Parkway ROSE de Lima Campus, Henderson 102 E. Lake Mead Parkway

SAN San Martin Campus, Las Vegas 8280 W. Warm Springs Road

WEST Womens Care/Outreach Center, Las Vegas 7220 S. Cimarron Road, Suite 195

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Protect yourself and your family

Did you know you need a flu vaccine every year? **See page 3** to find out why—and where you can get one.



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You're invited!

Dignity Health St. Rose– Dominican's 14th Annual Pet Blessing and Animal Fair

Saturday, November 2, from 1 to 3 p.m.

San Martín Healing Garden

Treat your pets!

The event will feature:

- A group pet blessing at 2:30 p.m.
- A variety of pet-related booths with information, demonstrations, and drawings
- Light refreshments

There will be contest prizes for:

- Best Dressed
- Best Trick
- Best Pet/Owner Look-Alike

St. Martín de Porres—for whom the San Martín Campus is named—was known for his undivided care for animals and people alike, which is why Dignity Health–St. Rose Dominican is proud to bring you this family-and pet-friendly event.

How you can help. We are asking for clean, new, or used towels to donate to local pet shelters.



