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**Cox Charities awards $199,000 to local nonprofits**

Cox Charities, the philanthropic arm of Cox Communications, Las Vegas, recently awarded **$199,000** in grants ranging from $1,500 to $17,000 to 28 valley nonprofit organizations.

The grants included $17,000 to the Olive Crest Strong Families-Safe Kids Program and $15,000 to the College of Southern Nevada Business Incubator Program. In total, 28 nonprofit organizations received Cox Charities grants, including 11 who each received $10,000 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the program.

1. Olive Crest, Strong Families – Safe Kids, $17,000
2. College of Southern Nevada Business Incubator Program, $15,000
3. CASA Foundation, $10,000
4. Families for Effective Autism Treatment, $10,000
5. Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada, $10,000
6. Just One Project, $10,000
7. Las Vegas Natural History Museum, $10,000
8. Las Vegas-Clark County Library District. $10,000
9. Nevada Ballet Theatre Future Dance Program, $10,000
10. Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, $10,000
11. Street Teens, $10,000
12. Tech Impact, $10,000
13. USO Las Vegas, $10,000
14. After-School All-Stars, $5,000
15. Cimarron-Memorial HS Robotics Team 987 High Rollers, $5,000
16. Friends of LVMPD Foundation, $5,000
17. Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation, $5,000
18. Nevada Diabetes Association for Children & Adults, $5,000
19. Refuge for Women, $5,000
20. Herbert A. Derfelt Elementary, $4,967
21. Junior Achievement, $4,700
22. St. Jude’s Ranch for Children, $3,833
23. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Nevada, $2,500
24. Nathan Adelson Hospice, $2,500
25. Nevada Child Seekers, $2,500
26. Nevada School of the Arts, $2,500
27. Nate Mack Elementary, $2,000
28. Sign Design Theater, $1,500

The Cox Las Vegas employee giving campaign began in 2007 under the name “Cox Charities.” This is the 10th anniversary of the employee-funded and employee-managed program, which has provided more than $1.6 million in charitable contributions to date with over 100 different organizations and agencies receiving support.

**About Cox Charities**

Cox Charities is the philanthropic giving arm of Cox Communications-Las Vegas. It is an employee-driven and resourced community giving initiative that provides annual competitive grants to nonprofit agencies in Southern Nevada. Since 2007, a rotating committee of Cox employees manages the workplace giving campaign, solicits grant applications and approves grant requests. The committee evaluates requests based on the organization’s mission, programming and written grant application. Cox Charities provides funding to initiatives that support the company’s philanthropic cornerstones of Children/Families, Education/STEAM and Diversity. Visit [coxcharitieslv.com](http://coxcharitieslasvegas.com/).

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**CAPTIONS:**

Michael F. Bolognini, vice president and market leader of Cox Las Vegas, is pictured mid-stride during a presentation to hundreds of Cox employees at the 2017 Cox Charities grant awards as grant recipients look on. Cox employees donated $199,000 to 28 local nonprofit agencies in amounts ranging from $1,500 - $17,000 at the 10th annual presentation.

Myesha Wilson, executive director of Olive Crest, accepts a $17,000 heart-shaped check from Sarah Silander, Cox business manager, during the 2017 Cox Charities grant awards presentation. Cox employees donated $199,000 to 28 local nonprofit agencies in amounts ranging from $1,500 - $17,000.

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