



JOY PROM
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LUCKY 7 YEARS
OF JOY



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HOSTED AT THE M RESORT

ABOUT JOY PROM LAS VEGAS

JOY PROM Las Vegas is a full-scale, prom for teenagers and adult individuals with cognitive and physical impairments, where every guest is celebrated and accepted.

The invited guests are hosted complimentary. The experience recognizes the individual guest first and then their disability, while providing a positive environment free of judgment or negativity.

Guest enjoy this experience along with their peers in a protected, safe, controlled, and comfortable environment. The JOY PROM Las Vegas experience empowers guests to be confident, fosters inclusion, builds self-esteem and inspires friendships.

This event is facilitated by passionate and dedicated Board and Committee Members from across the community who are motivated to create an event executed with integrity and excellence. Some of the supporters and volunteers of JOY PROM Las Vegas are parents of young children who have a disability.





A particular parent said she would participate in this event every year until her current toddler daughter was old enough to attend herself. The Board and Committee desire to ensure the legacy of JOY PROM Las Vegas in an effort to fulfill these types of dreams.

JOY PROM Las Vegas creates an exclusive opportunity to promote the common good in society by uniting community and celebrating uniqueness. The universal thread tying everyone together is the fact that we are all more alike than different. This event promotes the joy in selfless giving, breaks through any previous stereotypes or anxiety volunteers may have, and shifts negative paradigms that have possibly been formed. Prior to each annual event, JOY PROM Las Vegas hosts a targeted training session for the volunteers to present the flow of the evening, review responsibilities, and most importantly share the mission of uniting community and celebrating uniqueness.



WELCOME TO JOY PROM LAS VEGAS 2016

We are thrilled to share in the “**Lucky 7 Years of Joy**” for the 7th annual JOY PROM Las Vegas on May 7, 2016 at The M Resort in Las Vegas. The mission of our event is focused on uniting community and celebrating uniqueness. The extraordinary experience recognizes the individual guest first and then their disability, while providing a positive environment free of judgment or negativity.

Because of our 600 volunteers that make this event possible, the 300 invited guests in attendance will have a magical and memorable evening full of celebration. Our guests are comprised of individuals with cognitive or physical impairments who all reside in the greater Las Vegas area and are referred by the following local organizations:

Best Buddies Nevada, Citizens, Clark County School District,
Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada, Easter Seals Nevada,
Good Friends Autism, Holdsworth, New Vista, Pinnacle and
REM Nevada, a partner of The MENTOR Network.

JOY PROM Las Vegas would not be possible without the overwhelming generosity of the Platinum Sponsors, Community Partners and personal financial donations from generous local philanthropists. The M Resort has provided an unbelievable venue and we would like to recognize Lyndy and Anthony Marnell for their devoted and unsurpassable support. This event would not be possible without our diverse and extensive community support, and we greatly appreciate the commitment of time and resources to make this evening happen.

We are truly grateful for ALL of the support from our numerous Committee Members, Task Team Leaders and beyond – this year has been exceptional!

Thank you to all & we hope you have a magical evening!

Sincerely,
JOY PROM Las Vegas Board of Directors





Top: (from left) Founding Board Members **Liz Lesser** (Marketing Chair), **Lauren Lin** (Entertainment & PR Chair), **Libbi Erickson** (President), **Nancy Jones** (Vice President), **Jessica Canarelli** (Treasurer)
Bottom: (from left) **Holly Caudle** (Guest Chair), **Melissa Hoenigmann** (Board Chair), **Brett Luccetta** (Board Chair), **Becky Sullivan** (Board Chair)



LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR

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Office of the Governor

GREETINGS FROM THE GOVERNOR

As Governor of the State of Nevada, it is my pleasure to welcome you all to the Joy Prom Las Vegas. I would first like to thank The M Resort, the volunteers, and everyone who has contributed to making this wonderful event possible.

The Las Vegas community and over 100 Las Vegas businesses have come together to provide a magical evening for tonight's special guests. Joy Prom Las Vegas promotes the value of uniqueness, self-esteem and compassionate sensitivity. I would like to join you in recognizing the individuality of each guest in attendance. I hope your participation in Joy Prom will empower your confidence, foster inclusion, and inspire friendships.

Again, it is my honor to welcome you all here, and I hope you enjoy a fantastic prom.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Sandoval", written over a horizontal line.

BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor

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Sean McAllister of Fox 5 Vegas – Red Carpet Host



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DJ Jenna Palmer

GUEST ORGANIZATIONS

Best Buddies Nevada

The cornerstone of Best Buddies is the one-to-one friendships that are happening in our schools throughout Clark County. Best Buddies Middle School, High School & Colleges fosters one-to-one friendships between students with and without IDD. Students with IDD are often isolated and left out of social activities. Best Buddies helps break through social barriers at an important time in a young person's life.

bestbuddies.org/nevada



Citizens

Builds friendships between adults with and without IDD. Offers social mentoring while improving the quality of life and level of inclusion for those 18 years of age and older.

bestbuddies.org/nevada

CITIZENS

Clark County School District

Clark County School District services students with all types of needs by identifying and meeting the diverse needs of each student through individual educational programming. It is our mission to work cooperatively with families, students, community, colleagues, and other professionals in order to promote each student's success and well-being as he/she prepares for future endeavors.

ccsd.net



Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada

The mission is to enlighten the public by promoting a positive understanding of Down syndrome in the community and be a source of support, information and education for families and individuals affected by Down syndrome.

dsosn.org



Easter Seals Nevada

Easter Seals Nevada has been helping individuals with disabilities, and their families, live better lives since 1976, offering a variety of services to help people with disabilities address life's challenges and achieve personal goals. Their mission is to create solutions that help people with disabilities become self sufficient through education, community partnerships and direct services.

easterseals.com/nevada



Good Friends Autism

Good Friend’s mission is to create autism awareness, teach acceptance of differences, and foster empathy among typically-developing peers. By using positive stories, interactive exercises, and reinforcing good friend behavior through our novel K-6 curriculum, we intend to enhance the educational and social experience for all children. autism.meetup.com/343



Holdsworth

Individualized support for people with intellectual disabilities and related disorders. The goal in each type of living arrangement is to provide the individual with the opportunity to learn life skills and participate in the community.



New Vista

New Vista develops programs to meet the needs of each individual by providing a stable foundation, empowering the people we support, and enriching the lives of our supporters. Since people with disabilities require different levels of support, we tailor our programs to meet their varied goals towards independence. newvistanv.org



Pinnacle

At Pinnacle Community Services we are committed to ensure high quality services that provide choices and opportunities for people with disabilities to fulfill their life aspirations and dreams.



REM Nevada, a partner of The MENTOR Network

The MENTOR Network is a national network of local human services providers offering an array of quality, community-based services to adults and children with developmental disabilities or acquired brain injury; to children and adolescents with emotional, behavioral and medically complex challenges, and to elders in need of home care. thementornetwork.com



PLATINUM SPONSORS

JOY PROM Las Vegas is a year round working effort made possible by the hearts and hands of our 600 plus volunteers, committee members, task team leaders, family donors. This event would not be possible without the united community support of our Platinum Sponsors, Community Partners and Volunteer Organizations.



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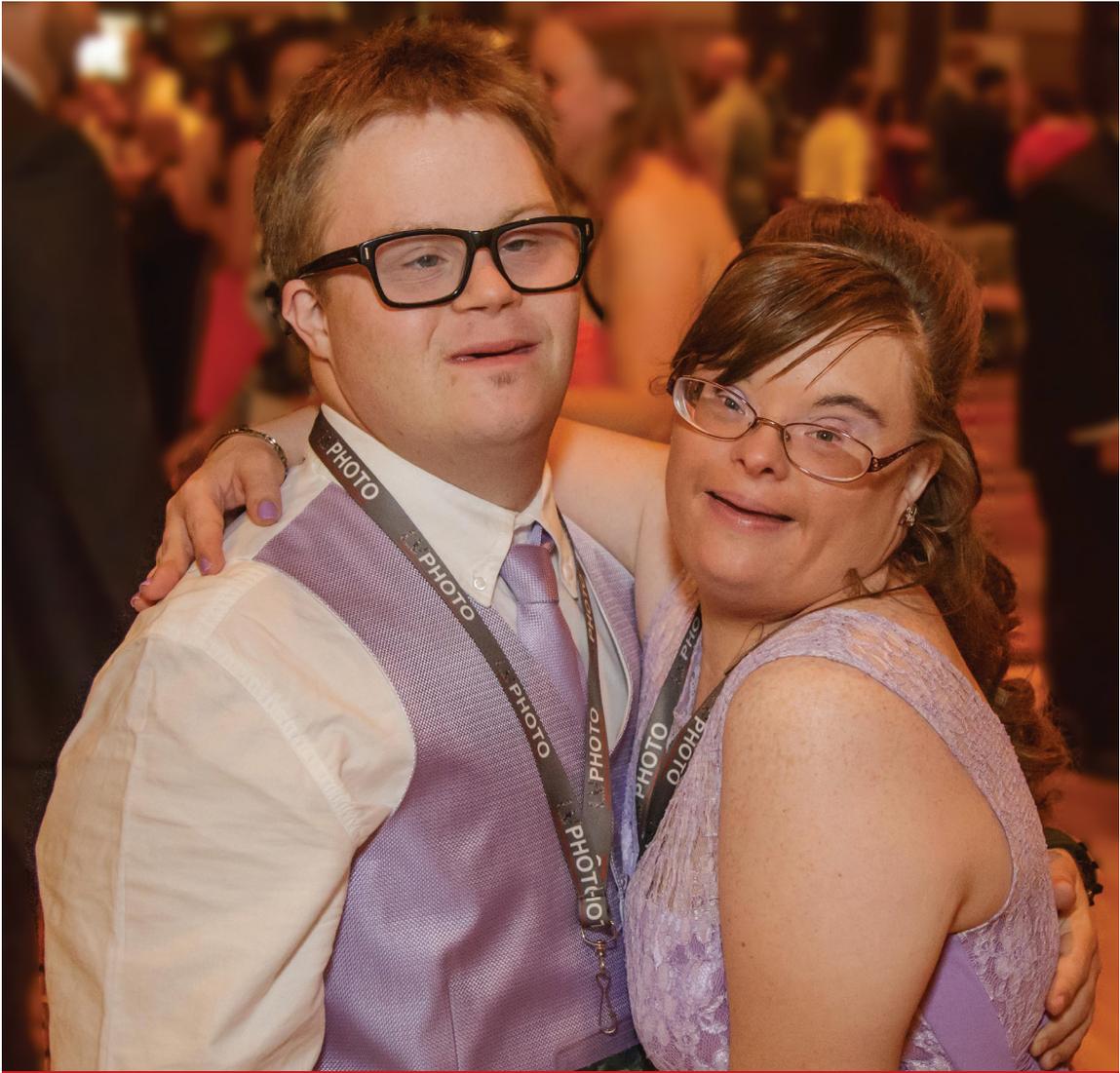
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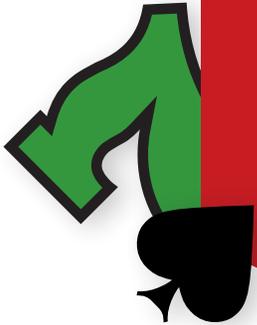


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