

## **Reno Municipal Court Judge and Staff Recognized by Reno City Council**

Judge Dorothy Nash Holmes, Reno Municipal Court and court staff were recognized at the Crossroads award ceremony and luncheon on June 29. Crossroads offers supportive living arrangements for men and women transitioning out of homelessness. The Crossroads Program was established in January of 2011, and is a unique public-private partnership between Washoe County Social Services and Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada. Judge Holmes received awards for her outstanding leadership, as well as an appreciation award in recognition of her vision, dedication and commitment to Crossroads and the community.

Judge Holmes presides over the Reno Municipal Court's Treatment Resources Alliance for Individualized Need (TRAIN) program. This program began as a coalition of governments, non-profits, and service providers working to get chronic inebriants, homeless, mentally ill, and misdemeanants out of the jail-hospital-homeless shelter cycle and to help sustain their independence. Once Crossroads opened, the TRAIN program became a special court for homeless individuals to assure that they remained in the program rather than cycling through the criminal justice system. The Court's TRAIN program received personal thanks for being a community partner to Crossroads.

Reno Municipal Court Alternative Sentencing Officers Ray Little and Marlina Stone, Judicial Clerk Terri Vaus-Wong and Program Manager Mary K Baker were also recognized for their efforts to support the clients in the program.

The Crossroads award ceremony and luncheon was held at Bartley Ranch and sponsored by Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada. Numerous clients and community volunteers were also recognized in what is intended to become a yearly event.