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Local University Hosts Charity Event to Benefit Reno Community

Reno, Nev. – In the spirit of the upcoming holiday season, the University of Nevada, Reno's Graduate Student Association (GSA) is hosting a holiday gift collection and wrapping party at Joe Crowley Student Union during their weekly Breakfast Social, on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. They are asking for donations from the campus and community, as well as participation in the event from graduate students. The gifts collected will aid the Salvation Army in their annual drive for toys, warm clothing, and essentials, and will benefit local families in need.

The GSA hosts weekly breakfasts as an opportunity for graduate students to socialize. These gatherings are also an arena for informal discussions between students and Graduate School Dean, Dr. David Zeh. Dr. Zeh will be in attendance during this event, and is welcoming the public to come by the Graduate Student Lounge for a breakfast item and cup of coffee, complimentary with their donation. Graduate students will be wrapping the donated items, and the theme of the event will be "festive holiday". They are hoping to raise at least 200 donations over the 2 hour period. As always, graduate students will receive free breakfast, and can earn volunteer hours for their time spent participating in this gift drive.

Greg Nuttle, Director of Graduate Student Services stated, "While we usually have about 60 students in attendance over the two hour weekly events, we hope to see 70 students in attendance at any given time during this event." He added that the University of Nevada strives to help the local community, and that graduate students have a large part in planning and hosting events that benefit charity throughout the year.

Donations may be dropped off at the roundabout behind the Joe Crowley Student Union, in the front of the JCSU, or may be walked up to the Graduate Student Lounge on the third floor of JCSU in order to receive a complimentary breakfast item and cup of coffee. Dean Zeh will be there to greet donators, and hopes the public will be able to come see the graduate students in action at this event. He hopes to showcase to the community the bright and philanthropic students the university cultivates. Student volunteers will be placed at both the roundabout for receiving donations, and at the front entrance to guide the public and their donations to the GSA Lounge.

The University of Nevada, Reno has strong community ties, and wants to give back to those in the community that are less fortunate. The GSA hopes that the community and the campus will show their support for the cause by donating, and plans to see many graduate students in attendance in order to keep the event running smoothly, and to wrap the gifts that are donated. Without cooperation from both students and the community, the event would not be possible.

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About GSA

"The Graduate Student Association (GSA) represents all graduate students and promotes the welfare and interests of the graduate students at the University of Nevada, Reno. The GSA reports to the President of the University and works closely with the Graduate School and Student Services." (www.unr.edu/gsa)



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Notes to editors

1. The address for this event is:
University of Nevada, Reno
1664 N. Virginia St
Joe Crowley Student Union
Reno, NV 89557

2. Any mailed or monetary donations may be sent to:
University of Nevada, Reno
Graduate Student Association—MS 0057
Attn: Salvation Army Charity Drive
1664 N. Virginia St
Joe Crowley Student Union
Reno, NV 89557