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## **Nevada National Security Site donates more than \$200,000 to educational and social causes**

**NORTH LAS VEGAS, Nevada** – Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) management and operating contractor Mission Support and Test Services (MSTS) is proud to donate \$202,000 across several community causes.

“During this unprecedented year, we’re grateful to provide much-needed support to local and national pillars of our community,” said MSTS President Mark Martinez. “As organizations continue to respond to the challenges brought forth in 2020, we’re pleased to be able to help.”

### **Education**

NNSS donations to educational enterprises include:

- \$57,000 to University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) College of Engineering. These funds will support Tech Trekker, a mobile science lab that brings STEM opportunities directly to students; SISTEM, a program introducing high school students to STEM careers; and two \$2,500 scholarships for College of Engineering students whose research aligns with the NNSS’ areas of need.
- \$22,000 to UNLV College of Sciences. \$7,000 is allotted for fifth grade science camps at Title I schools. \$5,000 will go toward the 2021 GeoSymposium, a forum for graduate and undergraduate students to present their research and receive feedback from industry professionals. \$5,000 will support students’ capstone physics and astronomy projects. The chemistry department chair will be given \$5,000 for chemistry research initiatives involving high school students and teachers.
- \$10,000 to Spread the Word Nevada, an organization that promotes literacy by providing approximately 60,000 books per month to Title I schools. “We are beyond grateful for the support provided by the NNSS,” said Spread the Word Nevada Co-Founder and Executive Director Lisa Habighorst. “This gift helps to ensure that at-risk students have the tools to create a lifelong love of reading that will brighten their futures. Thousands of students and their families will benefit from this generous donation.”

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- \$1,500 to Clark County School District to provide ear bud headphones for approximately 500 remote-learning students.
- \$25,000 to Nevada Test Site Historical Foundation for the continuation of educational and scientific programs regarding the Site's legacy at the National Atomic Testing Museum.
- \$25,000 to DISCOVERY Children's Museum. These funds will sponsor STEM programming, to include educational activities hosted at the facility's NNSS science bench.
- \$1,500 to support competitions hosted by the Southern Nevada chapter of The MATHCOUNTS Foundation, which works to build middle school students' problem-solving skills and positive attitudes about mathematics.
- \$20,000 to a Nevada high school student favorite: the annual Nevada Science Bowl. The 2021 competition will be held virtually, and this donation will help make participation possible for hundreds of students to compete to be regional champions and advance to the Department of Energy National Science Bowl.
- \$5,000 to the Nevada Future City competition. The NNSS is a longstanding sponsor of this annual event, in which students design a city model that rises to the engineering challenges of the future.

### **Social**

NNSS has also donated to several local and national social causes, including:

- \$15,000 to Three Square Food Bank, Southern Nevada's largest hunger-relief organization, to be used for food supply. The organization expects a 59 percent increase in demand for food through the remainder of 2020 and into 2021 as a result of this year's socio-economic impacts. President and CEO of Three Square Food Bank Brian Burton said, "Though we are facing a food-insecurity crisis unlike anything we have seen before, we are reassured by incredible partners like the Nevada National Security Site, whose generosity will provide 45,000 meals for families and individuals in need."
- \$5,000 to Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance to promote economic and community development throughout Southern Nevada.
- \$15,000 to American Red Cross, to help the organization's humanitarian response to the wake of devastation caused by record wildfires and hurricanes during the last several weeks. "We would like to extend our warmest thanks to the Nevada National Security Site for making a \$15,000 contribution to the disaster relief activities carried out by the American Red Cross across the country," said American Red Cross of Southern Nevada Executive Director Alan Diskin. "With so many concurrent emergencies happening right now, every dollar means

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comfort and care that we can give to people on some of the worst days of their lives.”

For more information about the NNSS’ year-round support to Nevada, see [https://www.nnss.gov/docs/fact\\_sheets/DOENV\\_0491.pdf](https://www.nnss.gov/docs/fact_sheets/DOENV_0491.pdf).

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The NNSS and its related facilities help ensure the security of the United States and its allies by: supporting the stewardship of the nation’s nuclear deterrent; providing nuclear and radiological emergency response capabilities and training; contributing to key nonproliferation and arms control initiatives; executing national-level experiments in support of the National Laboratories; working with national security customers and other federal agencies on important national security activities; and providing long-term environmental stewardship of the NNSS’s Cold War legacy.

The NNSS is managed and operated by Mission Support and Test Services LLC (MSTS). MSTS is a limited liability company consisting of Honeywell International Inc., Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., and HII Nuclear. The NNSS falls under the jurisdiction of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), an agency within the U.S. Department of Energy. The Site’s operations are government-controlled and contractor-operated, and are overseen by NNSA’s Nevada Field Office, headquartered in North Las Vegas.

For more information on the NNSS, visit [www.nnss.gov](http://www.nnss.gov).

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