

***Dennis Maloney Community Service Project and Professional Development Tour***

**Washoe County Crossroads Program  
Tuesday, January 10, 2017**

At each Institute, APPA works with local volunteers to assist a charity in the host city. This is APPA's way of giving something back to the community and gives national recognition to some of the wonderful community outreach work being done locally. Our community service project in Reno will be the Washoe County Crossroads Program.

The Crossroads Program is designed to provide short term supportive housing to individuals who want to change their lives and overcome their substance abuse issues while preparing them for sustainable permanent housing. Crossroads is a partnership between Washoe County Social Services (WCSS) and Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada (CCNN). WCSS uses CCNN St. Vincent's Residence to house 108 men and 27 women who are homeless, court ordered or have graduated from substance abuse treatment centers. The program's goal is to prevent relapses in incarceration, homelessness, and substance abuse, and reduce costs associated with jail, hospital, and other emergency services while providing a better path of life to the individual.

Crossroads is dedicated to helping individuals help themselves by providing them with the assistance of professional staff that aid them in connecting to: basic living needs, medical care, connection to self-help groups, vocational rehabilitation & job training educational assistance, applications for benefit programs, life skills training, mind-body & wellness, and referral to other programs tailored to the needs of the individual client. Crossroads clients are wrapped in social services as they continue their regular treatment programs. The live-in network aims to help them establish healthy relationships, a sense of community, and improve life and social skills.

The program has shown tremendous success with many community partners, and Washoe County estimates that Crossroads is saving the community \$12 million per year. The average length of stay for Crossroads residents is about 107 days. Around 96% of the residents participate in community volunteer work and 25% of them have been reunited with their families since they entered the program.

*To help support the Washoe County Crossroads Program, toiletry donations will be collected throughout the Institute. In addition, APPA will be raffling off an iPad to help raise funds. Tickets for the raffle will be \$5 per ticket, or five (5) tickets for \$20. Tickets can be purchased at the APPA Publication and Apparel booth.*

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[https://www.washoecounty.us/socsvr/adult\\_services/crossroads.php](https://www.washoecounty.us/socsvr/adult_services/crossroads.php)