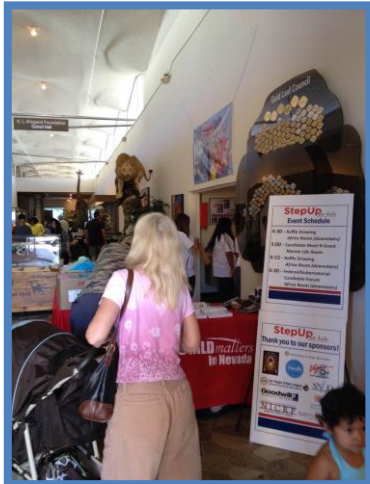


The fourth Monday of September, is designated as Children’s Day in Nevada. To show our children how important they are to our community, a series of events were planned in their honor. The morning started with an assembly celebrating children with Assemblywoman Ellen Spiegel at St. Viator School who presented the children with a proclamation for the Nevada State Legislature during their Children’s Day Assembly.



Later that day, Every Child Matters in Nevada, an advocacy initiative at the UNLV Nevada Institute for Children’s Research and Policy and the Children’s Advocacy Alliance hosted their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Step Up for Kids event at the Las Vegas Natural History Museum. Step Up for Kids events across the states raise awareness among voters and political candidates regarding the issues American children and their families face. Some of these issues include access to early care and learning opportunities, access to healthcare, access to after-school programs, poverty, and child abuse and neglect. The event encourages residents, the community, and government to step up and invest in kids.

The Las Vegas Natural History Museum was reserved from 3pm – 7:30pm and families were given complimentary admission to enjoy the museum. District Assembly candidates joined families at the museum from 5pm-6pm for a meet and greet, and a Federal Candidate forum, where candidates Erin Bilbray and Annette Teijeiro, discussed their viewpoints on children’s early childhood education and family

economic stability. In addition to admission to the museum, attendees received free cupcakes donated by Freed’s Bakery, books donated by Nevada HAND, Sunrise Children’s Foundation, and Vegas PBS, and free raffle tickets for items donated by the Children’s Day Nevada group, the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Vegas PBS, Las Vegas Urban League, and Goodwill of Southern Nevada. Families also had the opportunity to interact with over 30 community organizations that were dispersed throughout the museum. Thirty high school students from the area dedicated their evening to volunteering at the event. This year’s event turned out to be a huge success with over 440 attendees.

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