

# LAWYERS GIVING BACK

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## CHARITY SHOPPING FOR THE KIDS WITH THE NORTHERN NEVADA WOMEN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

Each year during the holiday season, the members of the Northern Nevada Women Lawyers Association (NNWLA) gather a group of volunteers and dedicate a morning to shopping for charity. After raising funds from among their members and the local bar association, they meet up, early in the morning, in the children's department of the JC Penney's store in Reno's Meadowood Mall, where they are joined by bar volunteers, their families and their friends. These volunteers are then paired up with students from Veterans Memorial Elementary School, in order to help them shop, spending more than \$100 on each child.

NNWLA's charity shopping event took place on December 16, 2017. Approximately 55 students participated, accompanied by their parents and school counselor, Sussan Bowser. As a result of the donations gathered by the attorneys, each student shopped with a volunteer and spent about \$110 each on merchandise (with a JC Penney coupon), including new coats, pants, dresses and small toys. For these kids, this shopping trip offered a rare opportunity to buy new things for themselves, as all of them come from homes that are extremely short on money, especially during the holiday season. One little boy, who was hospitalized suddenly before the event, will even be able to shop later with his counselor once he has recovered.

It was an equally gratifying experience for the volunteers, many of whom felt as lucky to be involved as the student shoppers. Among this year's numerous volunteers was State Bar of Nevada President Gene Leverty. He helped the young students with their purchases and considers this event one of his favorite of the year.

The NNWLA is a charitable, non-profit organization, founded in 1978 by a group of legal



Members of the Northern Nevada Women Lawyers Association purchase items for Reno children in need on Dec. 16, 2017.

pioneers in Northern Nevada, for the purpose of assisting women in the development of their legal practices and development. Its membership is open to men and women and, in addition to attorneys, other legal professionals are welcome. NNWLA sponsors continuing legal education, and social and charitable events throughout the year. More information on NNWLA can be found at [www.nnwla.com](http://www.nnwla.com). **NL**



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