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## NEWS RELEASE

### **Carson City Toyota Awards Vehicle to RSVP's Transportation Program**



Pictured: Dick Campagni, Carson City Toyota Owner & Susan Haas, RSVP Executive Director & CEO

“The NV Rural Counties RSVP Program Inc. (RSVP) received funding from Carson City Toyota to purchase a beautiful Toyota that we are using to transport homebound elders and veterans. RSVP is grateful to Carson City Toyota for showing their investment in RSVP’s volunteer and direct service programs to help meet the basic needs of our community’s most vulnerable citizens. RSVP has had a successful partnership with Carson City Toyota for more than 10 years in support of elders and our special events. They display a dedication to the community that is truly outstanding and have shown so much heart by supporting RSVP and many other non-profits in the region. Their corporate citizenship is to be commended and serves as a model to all. Not only have they performed well as a business, but in turn they have given back.” said Susan Haas, Executive Director & CEO of RSVP.

According to Dick Campagni, Carson City Toyota’s President/Owner, “Mary and I have always had a special place in our hearts for our veterans and the elderly. We are pleased to be able to help them with their transportation needs. Campagni Auto Group has been supporting RSVP for over 10 years and will keep our relationship going as we move into the future.”

RSVP has been serving seniors for 43 years. RSVP's Independent Living Programs include the Transportation Program which provides essential medical, dental and other necessary trips for low income seniors and veterans. RSVP volunteers provide door to door escorted transportation services and the emotional reassurance so necessary for homebound elders. This service is for those who may not see well enough to drive themselves anymore or don't have the needed resources to access the goods and services necessary to maintain their independence. Rides are also provided for shopping, to pick up prescriptions, to attend church and socialization, and trips to the Carson City Senior Center. Veterans can also take advantage of our weekly trip to the Reno VA and VA Centers in the rural areas. All veterans are encouraged to call if they need assistance or can volunteer to help other veterans and seniors get to their critical appointments. RSVP can also provide persons with disabilities aged 18 and older with free escorted transportation services.

RSVP encourages community members to come forward and volunteer to help fill the gaps for seniors, veterans and adults with disabilities who just need a little help. Volunteers are able to provide transportation services throughout Carson City and Nevada's rural communities as well as the ability to drive them to urban areas which offer the services they desperately need.

Lack of transportation has been identified as the greatest deterrent to accessing services and goods which enable people to remain independent, so it has become not only an economic problem (costs of institutionalization and long term care which must be borne by state and local governments, shared with the federal government) but also one of quality of life. Not only do seniors and people with disabilities wish to remain independently at home, but the public sector also benefits when they can remain at home rather than in a costly care facility. It saves tax payer dollars.

RSVP is truly grateful to Carson City Toyota for its partnership, vehicle donation, and exemplary service to the community. For information about RSVP please visit [www.nevadaruralrsvp.org](http://www.nevadaruralrsvp.org), or for info. on Carson City Toyota, visit: [www.carsoncitytoyota.com](http://www.carsoncitytoyota.com).