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Two Lappet-faced vultures showing off their legs

Photography by Lisle Gwynn

Today and tomorrow be sure to tune into the White House Tribal Nations Summit:
A livestream of each day of the Summit can be viewed at the [Interior Department's YouTube page](#).

Biden making new commitments at Tribal Nations Summit

<https://news.yahoo.com/biden-making-commitments-tribal-nations-110041669.html>

Unlocking the potential of rural Nevada **by Lucas Ingvaldstad**

Earlier this year, USDA Rural Development announced [Uprise Fiber received a \\$27 million grant](#) to expand high-speed internet access in Pershing County. The expansion project focuses on the City of Lovelock and surrounding areas so that the rural people living there enjoy better access to health care, education and economic development opportunities.

[National Rural Health Day](#), held Nov. 17 this year, reminds us that a strong community is rooted in its people, and investing in their well-being is an investment in the future. The Biden-Harris administration is committed to serving those who live in the rural areas of this country. At the United States Department of Agriculture, we are hard at work offering the resources to Nevada's rural and agricultural communities that feed and fuel our nation and provide the everyday essentials upon which America depends.

As state director for USDA Rural Development, I understand our state's rural and remote communities have unique challenges when it comes to accessing the resources they need and deserve. Distance is only one barrier.

Our country is experiencing an economic rebirth, and Nevada should not be left out nor behind. The Biden administration believes it is time to further ensure rural communities thrive.

As such, the Biden-Harris administration created the Rural Partners Network. RPN is a testimony of a renewed federal commitment to build capacity and advance equity and prosperity in rural America.

In April, the White House launched the Rural Partners Network in several diverse communities in five states. Now, it has expanded to several more, including to Nevada.

Through this network, USDA RD is leading other federal agencies and working with the White House to make it easier for rural communities to access resources and funding that will create jobs, build infrastructure and support long-term economic stability.

Corn Nourishes the Hopi Identity, but Climate-Driven Drought Is Stressing the Tribe's Foods and Traditions

Most Hopi grow corn with only the precipitation that falls on their fields, but two decades of drought have some of them testing the waters of irrigation and hoping they can preserve other customs with their harvests. <https://apple.news/AGM1i8RAZQfmLfJaGriIHCw>

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[Tell Biden: Protect Avi Kwa Ame](#)

[It's time to make sure this special place is protected forever.](#)

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**EdSource digs into data to explain how library budget disparities leave poorer, diverse communities with less access**

**[Mauna Loa, the largest active volcano, erupted for the first time in 38 years. Here's how experts say it will affect Hawaii.](#)**

There is no immediate danger to populated areas, authorities said. But experts cautioned that lava flows or earthquakes could still occur and urged residents to be prepared in the coming weeks.

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# Elk Soup

Presents

## Live Native Art Auction

In conjunction with First Friday Art Walk

# December 02, 2022

Spoken Word at 5:00 pm

Art Auction starts at 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

with a Ribbon Skirt Auction at 8:00 pm.

There will be up to 20 artists for the live auction in-person and on-line via Facebook. 90% of the proceeds go to the artists and 10% Elk Soup, a 501 (c) (3) Nonprofit organization.

There will be local vendors and artist booths for additional art sales.

### Artist Line-Up

Annette Peone  
Angelena Campobasso  
Betty Connor  
Chad Yellowjohn  
Cheryl Grunlose  
Colleen Miller

Diane Covington  
Donell Barlow  
Elaine Gee  
Helen Goodteacher  
Ione Yellowjohn  
Jeff Ferguson  
Jacob Johns

Jessiray Wheeler  
Olivia Evans  
Ric Gendron  
Roin Morigeau  
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"MY HERO is trying to break the barrier that separates YOU from US, because we are really not that different... and we can work towards making the world a better place." - Mohammed Sidibay, U.N. Ambassador and Former Child Soldier from Sierra Leone



Download the Booklet

## Programs

Heroes give us hope and inspiration, we learn from their example the importance of perseverance, courage, kindness and compassion. Positive role models help us understand our own ability to create positive change in the world. Through the website, media arts program, and festivals, The MY HERO Project inspires people of all ages to learn, create, and act in powerful, positive ways.

MY HERO provides digital online tools for visitors to publish web pages that honor heroes around the world using stories, artwork, audio and films. Visitors can search a vast multimedia journal to learn about heroes from all walks of life. The thematic features of the homepage change weekly, highlighting diverse heroes related to current events and emerging resources. Each feature provides links to short films, art and essays from our growing library.

Our daily calendar also provides inspiration every day of the year. On MY HERO, students and life-learners are invited to share inspiring media celebrating well-known and unsung heroes working to create positive change in their own communities and around the world.

## For Teachers

For over a quarter century, MY HERO has provided hundreds of millions of students access to a safe, commercial-free online venue, where they can discover and share essays, art, audio and films that celebrate positive role models from around the world. Our non-profit educational project showcases those working for human rights, social justice, peace and environmental protection. We honor diverse women, children and men whose accomplishments in the arts, science and technology pave the way for future heroes. Teachers use MY HERO in the classroom and for distance learning to promote values, creativity, self-expression, cross-cultural understanding and an appreciation of diversity with students of all ages and grade levels. Through our website, digital storytelling tools, teacher training, salons, contests, film festival and workshops, we help students gain an understanding of their ability to follow in the footsteps of heroes.

Visit the [Teacher's Room](#) to learn more and get started!

Explore our rich [Multimedia Library](#) of stories, art, films, and audio!

### **International Film Festival**

Students and professional filmmakers come together with heroes, artists and musicians to share inspiring stories with our global learning community. Screenings have been held in the George Lucas Theater at USC School of Cinematic Arts, The American Film Institute, Moss Theater at The Herb Alpert Educational Village at New Roads School, and in classrooms, community centers and libraries around the globe. Amongst others, MY HERO has featured work from these prominent filmmakers; Ryan Coogler, Tiffany Shlain, Frank Marshall, Kayla Briët, Gabrielle Gorman, Abigail Disney, Albert Maysles and more.

Thanks to our generous sponsors, prizes are awarded to elementary, middle school, high school, college and professionals in a variety of categories including: documentary, **narrative, music** video, animation, experimental, and more. Thousands of dollars of cash prizes are offered with the following awards: The Sylvia Earle Ocean Conservation Award, The Ron Kovic Peace Prize, The Dan Eldon Activist Award, The Relationships First Award, The Eva Haller Women Transforming Media Award, The WOJ Youth Reporter Award and the Immersive Storytelling Award.

To Learn more about [our festival click here.](#)



### **[Multi-Media Showcases](#)**

[MY HERO's hosts special programs and salons showcasing the work of artists, poets, writers, filmmakers and musicians that honor activists and heroes around the globe.](#)

### **Global Learning**

MY HERO connects global classrooms virtually in the Learning Circles, a partnership with iEARN.org. With support from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the United States Department of State MY HERO Global Exchange has sent media arts educators around the world to support artists, students and teachers to use media to create their own hero films.

**[Mentoring](#)**     [The MY HERO Project works to provide mentoring and equipment to resource-poor areas around the globe.](#)

## [Global Exchange](#)

[The MY HERO Global Exchange is an educational program that promotes cross-cultural understanding.](#)

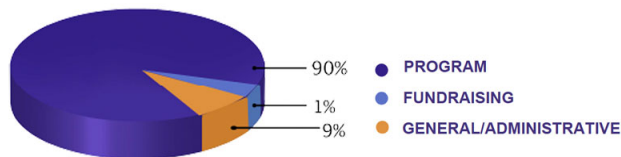


## [Learning Circles](#)

[The MY HERO Global Learning Circles bring the world into your classroom and your classroom into the world.](#)

### **Fiscal Information**

The MY HERO Project is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. All donations are tax exempt. As shown by our audited financial statements, 90% of income goes directly to programs.



[Our Annual Report](#)

### **Team: Who We Are**

The MY HERO community is comprised of passionate educators, creative artists and students and families all working to shine a light on unsung heroes throughout history.

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### **History**

We launched MY HERO in 1995 with a simple idea: to create a space in the media where people of all ages could share and discover stories about those making a positive difference in the world. We were tired of the exaltation of celebrities as heroes and the promotion of hatred, violence and sexism in the mass media. We wanted children to have access to information about real life heroes who had overcome obstacles, faced great and small challenges, and succeeded. During the early days of the web, we launched this project hoping that if we built a venue online to share stories of hope and inspiration, others would join in the project and children would benefit.



Today, MY HERO is a leading destination for teachers and students around the world. We provide digital storytelling tools and a rich multimedia library that is used by people of all ages. Our global learning community includes professional filmmakers, writers, and artists who join with teachers and students adding content to this ever-growing internet archive. Working together we are building the world's largest online media library of hero stories, art, and films. A team of educators, media makers, programmers, web designers, and editors manage this vast multi-media project. As the internet has grown so has our need for bandwidth and improved technology. We want to improve our systems and delivery so that more students entering the digital age will access our resources and join in this celebration. Together we are working to bridge the digital divide and bring inspiration to millions of students. We hope that you will understand our goals, programs, and the many ways that you can be part of The MY HERO Project. We need and value your support. [Please download and share The MY HERO Booklet.](#)

Thanks to all of the [individuals, foundations and corporations](#) that have supported the growth of The MY HERO Project over the years.

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