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Clark County to Host Resiliency Center ‘Quilts for Vegas’ Display Through July 20 for Outreach to 1 October Survivors

Clark County and the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center are hosting an exhibit of hand-made quilts donated by quilters from Las Vegas and around the world for victims of 1 October. The exhibit is located in the Rotunda on the first floor of the Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy., 89155, in downtown Las Vegas. It will be open for the public to see through Friday, July 20.

The exhibit was organized in partnership with the Las Vegas Modern Quilt Guild, which launched a quilt-making drive on social media called “Quilts for Vegas” in the days after 1 October to provide comfort and support to victims. The 70-member Las Vegas-based guild created some 250 quilts with help from hundreds of participating quilters across the United States and other countries including Germany, Switzerland and Canada. The exhibition, curated by the Clark County Parks & Recreation Department’s Public Art Office, showcases a selection of the quilts to highlight the beauty and artistry of quilting. Each quilt is unique, which honors the uniqueness of each person affected by the October 1 tragedy. During the exhibit period, survivors and family members of victims registered with the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center can sign up to participate in a raffle to receive a donated quilt. After the exhibit closes, the quilts will be shipped to those participants whose names are drawn in the raffle.

“The outpouring of compassion and support for victims of the 1 October shooting continues to touch us,” said Clark County Commission Chairman Steve Sisolak. “This exhibit is an opportunity to share with our community and the victims of the shooting a sampling of the ways in which those affected have been embraced by people around the world.”

“Our hearts continue to ache for those who lost loved ones in the shooting, were injured, or endured witnessing the unspeakable violence,” said Clark County Commission Vice Chair Chris Giunchigliani. “We are grateful to the artists in our community and around the world who participated in this beautiful labor of love and support extended to the victims of 1 October.”

The exhibit also serves as an outreach effort to encourage anyone affected by 1 October to reach out to the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center to learn about its services. Survivors and family members of victims who have provided the Resiliency Center with email addresses will receive an electronic invite for the raffle that contains an online registration link. Those who don’t receive an email, or have not yet been in contact with the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center can contact the center by email through its website at www.VegasStrongRC.org or by phone at (702) 455-AIDE (2433) locally or toll-free at 1-833-299-AIDE (2433).

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“We are honored to host this unique and heartwarming exhibit as part of our outreach efforts to survivors of the 1 October incident who live here and in other communities across the country and throughout the world,” said Clark County Commissioner Jim Gibson, whose district includes the festival grounds where the 1 October incident occurred. “Any survivors or family members of victims registered with the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center, no matter where you live, can participate in the raffle for a quilt.”

The Las Vegas Modern Quilt Guild launched the quilt drive by posting information on Instagram using the hashtag “#quiltsforvegas.” Over the course of several months, quilters contributed completed quilts, quilt tops, blocks, and materials, and made monetary donations for the drive to cover shipping, fabric, thread and other costs. Most of the finished quilts are about 5 feet by 6 feet in size and include at least one single heart as part of the design. The colors and patterns vary. Some members of the local guild also participated in a similar quilt drive for victims of the Pulse Nightclub shooting that occurred in Orlando, Fla., in 2016.

“We wanted to do something to support the victims of the shooting that happened in our community,” said Hayle McClellan, president of the Las Vegas Modern Quilt Guild. “We were overwhelmed by the amount of support we received for this effort and how much people throughout the world care about Las Vegas.”

The Las Vegas Strong Resiliency Center is a free resource and referral hub for anyone impacted by 1 October including survivors, family members of victims, responders and anyone dealing with effects from the attack including hotel workers, taxi cab drivers or bystanders who tried to help victims. Partnering agencies represented on site include Clark County’s Department of Social Service, the Nevada Victims of Crime Program, the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, the Nevada Division of Child and Family Services, Clark County Department of Family Services, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services, and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department’s Victims Services Division. Services include victim advocacy and support, grief counseling and spiritual care referrals, and technical assistance accessing online resources including FBI Victim Assistance Services for claiming personal items left behind at the 1 October concert venue. The center also has a Facebook page at: www.Facebook.com/VegasStrongResiliencyCenter.

The Resiliency Center has served more than 6,000 people since it opened Oct. 23, 2017. Festival attendees who were present when the shooting happened are encouraged to contact the Resiliency Center because staff do not have the names or contact information of all the people who were there that night.

“We embrace all those affected by the shooting and encourage you to reach out to the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center to learn about support and services available you,” said Clark County Commissioner Marilyn Kirkpatrick. “If you know or love someone who was affected by the shooting, please encourage him or her to contact the center. Our goal is to connect people with any services they may need, and to keep them informed of updates that might be important to them.”

Officials are reminding survivors of 1 October that they have only until **Oct. 1, 2018**, to submit an application with the Nevada Victims of Crime Program. The program will help pay for expenses not covered by insurance such as counseling co-pays. “Even if survivors don’t feel they need help now, we encourage them to get an application on file with the Nevada Victims of Crime program, so they will be eligible for assistance later on if they need it,” said Clark County Commissioner Susan Brager. “A lot of survivors may decide to seek counseling in the months or years to come, and this program can assist you with covering co-pays.”

An application for the program is available on the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center’s website. Staff from the Nevada Victims of Crime Program also are available to assist applicants by phone or in person at the resiliency center. Watch our Public Service Announcement on YouTube to learn more about the program:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QJ_FwT5iR48. ###

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