

Rainbow Dreams Educational Foundation is one of the premier non-profit organizations in Southern Nevada established and committed to meeting the needs of the historically underserved communities in Southern Nevada. This will be achieved through an emphasis on early childhood, youth, and adult education, cultural awareness and appreciation, and continued support for existing programs and services that are successful in building stronger citizens, families and communities for generations to come.

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# RAINBOW DREAMS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRESS

## Mar 09 Nevada Reading Week



Rainbow Dreams Academy participated in Nevada Reading Week. Our 2009 goal was to invite 50 community leaders, parents, grandparents, friends, and family members to read aloud a total of 100 books during this week. We are happy to say that we met our goal. Nevada Reading Week was a BIG SUCCESS. The Cat in the Hat made a special visit to each classroom.

## Apr 09 17th - Plant Day

The children of Rainbow Dreams Academy planted over 60 plants on Saturday, April 17, 2009. Dallas Cowboy and three time Super-Bowl winner, Mr. Leon Lett, was on hand to help out along with parents, grandparents, friends, family, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and The Links, Incorporated.



## May 09 27th - Rainbow Dreams Academy Dance Program Rocks the West Las Vegas Library

Congratulations to our 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade movement classes for a great performance.



## Jun 09 2nd - Kindergarten Promotion - Class of 2020



Future Leaders of Tomorrow

## Jun 09 Continued

### 15th - Las Vegas CDF Freedom Schools Program



Actress Jurnee Smollett, Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Pollard and Senator & Mrs. Steven Horsford

As the first of its kind in Nevada and a national program of the Children's Defense Fund, the Las Vegas CDF Freedom Schools program provides 6 weeks of summer educational enrichment through a model curriculum that supports children and families around five essential components: Academic enrichment, Parent and family involvement, Civic engagement and social action, Inter generational leadership development and Health and wellness.

The Las Vegas CDF Freedom Schools program seeks to strengthen student motivation to read, generate positive attitudes toward learning, and connect the needs of children and families to the resource of the Las Vegas community. This year's first site was launched at Rainbow Dreams Academy Charter School.

Based on a proven national model, which incorporates the totality of the Children's Defense Fund's mission, the Las Vegas program aims to foster an environment that supports children and young adults to excel and believe in their ability to make a difference in themselves and in their families, schools, communities, nation, and world.

### 18th - Inaugural VIP Reception honoring the service and contributions of Assemblyman Morse Arberry, Jr.

Majority Leader Senator Steven Horsford emceed the event. The 2009 Sponsor acknowledgments took place and the tribute to



since 1985, serving in six special and twelve regular sessions. He chaired the prestigious Assembly Committee on Ways and Means during the 1993, and the 1997-2009 sessions.

Assemblyman Morse Arberry, Jr. began. Mr. Arberry has been a member of the Nevada Assembly

During his Legislative service, Mr. Arberry has sponsored numerous important pieces of legislation.



United Way of Southern Nevada

Support the Anthony L. Pollard Foundation through the United Way #112572.



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**Upcoming Events:**

- Urban Voice Dinner  
September 26, 2009
- Shop for a Cause at Macy's  
\$5 Tickets for sale for all day  
in store shopping (255-3001)  
October 17, 2009
- Make a Difference Day  
Parking Lot Sale  
October 24, 2009
- Art for Education  
November 5 & 6, 2009
- 3rd Annual Plant Day  
April 17, 2010
- "10th" Annual Las Vegas  
Juneteenth Festival  
June 18 & 19, 2010



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**Naming Opportunities**

There are numerous naming opportunities available in the new academy. Families / Corporations / Foundations may choose to donate to a specific space in a capital campaign; for example donating \$75,000.00 for a classroom naming. A plaque will be placed outside that specific room honoring the family, corporation or foundation donating the funds (or someone of their choosing) at the conclusion of the gift payment.

**Jun 09 Continued**

**19th & 20th - Juneteenth  
The Event, The Experience, The Journey**

The 9th Annual Las Vegas Juneteenth Festival unfolded on Friday, June 19th and Saturday, June 20th at the Sammy Davis, Jr. Plaza in Lorenzi Park. This year, Skip Martin, lead singer for Kool and the Gang, headlined the event on Friday night. There were special guest appearances by George Wallace, the New Mr. Las Vegas - performing nightly at the Flamingo, Molodi, internationally acclaimed percussion show, "Human Nature," and In-A-Fect.

To expand the experience, the Juneteenth Committee launched a griot series called Journey Juneteenth which will bring the stories of local civil rights heroes to residents and visitors all over the city. Special thanks to The District at Green Valley Ranch, Borders at Town Square and Henderson, LAMAR Outdoor Advertising, and The Urban Voice.

The 2009 event was kicked off with a VIP reception honoring Assemblyman Morse Arberry, Jr., Rainbow Dreams Educational Foundation's recipient of the "2009" Image Award of the Year.

Miss Whitney Elzy was named Rainbow Dreams Educational Foundation Scholarship Recipient and Mr. Andre Montgomery was named Essay Contest Book Scholarship Recipient.

2009 Sponsors included: NVEnergy, Harrah's Entertainment, Wells Fargo, MGM MIRAGE, American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, Bank of Nevada, KCEP 88.1, Sir Speedy, City of Las Vegas and bbcg.

**The 10th Anniversary Juneteenth Jazz Festival, featuring Grammy-award winning saxophonist NAJEE, will be held on Friday & Saturday, June 18 & 19, 2010.**



**Jul 09 We Made AYP!**

Adequate Yearly Progress, a component of the Federal No Child Left Behind Act, requires schools and districts to meet annual targets for academic improvement. AYP results list schools that are meeting and are not meeting state targets in nine different subgroups, including test scores in English and mathematics, test participation rates and attendance rates for each of these subgroups. As we start our third academic school year, this State/Federal indicator lets us know we are on the right track. We are excited about making AYP and are ready to get back to the business of learning. Way to go Rainbow!

**Aug 09**

**24th - First Day of School**

As we embark on our third year of operation, we are EXCITED about our children's future.



**26th - Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid Visits RDA**

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid takes time to read to Rainbow Dreams Academy children.

