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**The “Welcome Home” Food Drive at the
Las Vegas Harvest Festival Original Art & Craft Show
is an All-Around Win for Safe Nest**

LAS VEGAS – Sept. 5, 2017 – Fill Safe Nest’s pantry by donating unexpired, non-perishable canned food, paper goods and baby items and receive \$2 off admission to the 45th Annual Las Vegas Harvest Festival Original Art and Craft Show, Sept. 8-10, at Cashman Center (850 Las Vegas, Blvd. North). Proceeds are also donated to Safe Nest when you purchase a bag for your belongings and utilize the bag check area during the event. For all three days, Safe Nest volunteers and staff will sell bags for \$1 each and check bags for a donation of \$1 per bag. The Harvest Festival is open from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday. Nevada’s largest and most comprehensive charity devoted solely to domestic violence issues, Safe Nest provides services such as advocacy, counseling, prevention, and shelter to abuse victims and their families and empowers them toward self-sufficiency in a violence-free setting.

“The Harvest Festival is one of our most successful supply drives,” stated Liz Ortenburger, Safe Nest CEO, stated. “The generosity of our community helps the shelter’s pantry stay full for almost a year.” In 2016, Safe Nest collected 1.5 large bins full of paper products, diapers, wipes and toiletries and 28 shopping carts of non-perishable food items.

Safe Nest provides a home-like environment for victims of domestic violence and their children to re-establish their lives when fleeing a violent relationship. Residents at the Safe Nest shelter stay an average of 6-8 weeks. Last year the Safe Nest shelter provided over 13,180 nights of shelter to 363 women and 409 children, provided hotline services for 32,008 crisis callers and processed 7,073 emergency protection orders.

ABOUT SAFE NEST

A problem that impacts the safety and well-being of individuals, families and communities throughout Southern Nevada, domestic violence can take on multiple forms including physical, emotional and sexual abuse, financial control and social isolation. It affects all communities, regardless of socioeconomic status, race or religion. Safe Nest serves

battered women (or men), children or teens affected by family violence, adolescents in violent dating relationships, offending partners, family members or significant others impacted by the violence, at-risk individuals, and the community at large by offering a variety of programming and services including counseling, crisis intervention, individual and group therapy, residential services, protection order assistance and employment/life-skill classes. Safe Nest aims to put a stop to all immediate abuse and break the cycle of abuse for generations to come.

Established in 1977, Safe Nest is Nevada's largest and most comprehensive non-profit agency devoted solely to domestic violence issues. Serving approximately 43,000 people annually, Safe Nest's programs include a 24-hour confidential shelter, a 24-hour hotline and protection order services, counseling, advocacy, court assistance, and prevention education. For more information, please call 702-821-2731 or visit www.safenest.org.

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