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School of Medicine Physicians Team With Boys and Girls Club

Lynette Hein, medical school information March 1, 1993

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Faculty and resident physicians from the University of Nevada School of Medicine will be conducting wellness examinations this week at the Boys and Girls Club's A.D. Guy unit, 817 North N Street, in West Las Vegas. "Helping Hands for Health" week, made possible through a federal grant, will take place from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on March 2-5 and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 6.

The A.D. Guy unit was one of five Boys and Girls Clubs throughout the U.S. to receive an Annie E. Casey Foundation Award from the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance, according to Erin Breen, Health Coordinator for Boys and Girls Clubs of Las Vegas. "Helping Hands for Health" aims to address the serious health issues facing West Las Vegas youths and their families. Of the 600 children served by A.D. Guy, more than 70 percent live in single-parent households, an extremely low percentage have medical insurance and almost none have dental insurance. The grant will focus on both physical and emotional health issues such as teen pregnancy, drug and alcohol abuse, depression and AIDS education, says Breen.

Faculty and resident physicians from the medical school's Departments of Pediatrics, Family and Community Medicine, Internal Medicine, and Obstetrics and Gynecology will be conducting physical examinations on youths seven to 18 years old. The program grant will also provide funding for follow-up care and transportation.

For additional information on "Helping Hands for Health Care," contact Erin Breen, Boys and Girls Clubs of Las Vegas, at 367-2582 or Lynette Hein, University of Nevada School of Medicine, at 383-2638.