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VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA MOURNS LOSS OF RENO LEADER BOB CASHELL
Cashell established Reno's first homeless shelter for individuals and families

Sacramento, California – Tuesday, February 11, 2020 – Volunteers of America is deeply saddened by today's news of Bob Cashell's passing. Mr. Cashell, former mayor of Reno and Nevada lieutenant governor, led the way for compassionate care of people experiencing homelessness in our region; he was instrumental in the construction of the Community Assistance Center, Reno's comprehensive homeless shelter system on Record Street in downtown Reno in 2004. The center provides shelter, emergency housing, permanent supportive housing and other supportive services to approximately 700 people a day. Cashell's legacy lives on through the lives transformed each year because of his vision, leadership and commitment to his community.

"Our hearts go out to the entire Cashell family at this very difficult time," adds Volunteers of America CEO Leo McFarland. "I wish you all hope in the midst of sorrow and comfort in the midst of pain."

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About Volunteers of America:

Founded locally in 1911, the Northern California & Northern Nevada office of Volunteers of America is one of the largest providers of social services in the region. The professional paid staff operates more than 50 programs: homeless services and shelters; substance abuse treatment and recovery services; senior, veteran, and youth services; transitional, permanent, supportive, and low income housing. Volunteers of America provides shelter or housing to nearly 1,800 men, women and children every night in Northern California. Learn more about Volunteers of America Northern California & Northern Nevada at www.voa-ncnn.org.