



# THE CITY OF HUMAN HEART EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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## Mind Treasures™ Community Education Summit

“Character...is not developed just by learning about words such as kindness and honesty. It involves our whole life — what we think, feel, and do, and why.” **Kevin Ryan**

After undertaking a major community needs assessment in 2006, the board of directors of the City of Human Heart Educational Foundation has established public education achievement as a key program priority. Character education is an area of growing interest and popularity. As a result of the inspiration and thought of these concerned individuals, a movement has sprung up focused on character formation in our children and youth. “Teaching Character Education is a major need facing Reno, and it’s a big priority of our foundations and our partners,” said Josephine Javier-Johnson, president of the International City of Human Heart Education Foundation’s board. “We decided that we have a unique and important role to play in this issue, and we’re happy to increase our partnership with the local schools.”

Through various school surveys and global research the City of Human Heart Educational Foundation found that 72% of local residents consider promoting the moral and ethical values in education as the community’s “most critical need.” Concerned parents, community leaders, and educators are beginning to realize that conventional education is incomplete when it comes to nurturing the character and personality of students. At the same time, political, social, and religious leaders are also recognizing that to achieve genuine peace in the world, we must nurture societies full of people with good characters.

The City of Human Heart Educational Foundation is uniquely qualified to address this issue, not just through grants but also by bringing community leaders together and coordinating efforts.”

The foundation will be devoting a portion of its unrestricted funds for grants and other support to local schools and educational organizations. To launch this program, the foundation will sponsor and organize the “Mind Treasures™ Education Summit” in June, bringing together school officials, teachers, parents, community leaders and education experts to raise awareness of local needs and identify a path forward. For more information on the summit, please call Josephine Javier-Johnson at (775) 677-8890 or (775) 327-5614.