

Bishop Savoy Delivers VOA Invocation



Gene Savoy Jr. giving the invocation at the VOA “Shelter from the Storm Breakfast” beside Nasya Mancini, Miss Nevada 2019.

The “Shelter from the Storm Breakfast” sponsored by Volunteers of America was held Thursday, November 14, 2019 at the Eldorado Hotel Casino Convention Center. Bishop Gene Savoy Jr. Delivered the [invocation](#) for the event.

This was the 8th Annual “Shelter from the Storm” Breakfast. The event is a fundraiser for Volunteers of America – Northern California and Northern Nevada (VOA-NCNN). Founded in 1911, VOA-NCNN provides shelter to over 1000 men, women, and children each night in Reno. The local chapter not only provides direct support to those in need through shelter,

sustenance, and other integral services, it also collaborates on crucial partnerships.

In addition to the Men's Shelter, the Women's Shelter and the Family Shelter on Record Street, VOA-NCNN has created The Village on Sage Street, a new and innovative low-income housing development helping to alleviate Reno's increasing housing crisis. VOA-NCNN also collaborates with the City of Reno on the very successful Reno Works, workforce development program that provides participants financial literacy and job training, employment counseling and referrals, and life skill coaching in order to sustain self-sufficiency. Finally, VOA-NCNN also runs Sierra Manor I and Sierra Manor II, an affordable housing property for seniors. There are 187 units for people 62 and older.

Bishop Savoy has served on VOA-NCNN's Advisory Board since 2012. He gave the invocation at this year's breakfast. Gene also serves as a table captain at the annual event with the responsibility for filling a table of ten. This year, fifteen people attended as the Bishop's guests, among them his wife Radheka Patel Savoy.

[Read this year's invocation here.](#)