



# AMERICA WE THANK YOU

An Armenian Tribute to Near East Relief

# NEVADA FACT SHEET

Nevada was an integral supporter of Near East Relief (NER), the American-led campaign that quickly sparked an international response with its unprecedented humanitarian endeavor, mobilizing all segments of American citizenry including elected officials, celebrities and laypersons alike, to help rescue victims of the Armenian Genocide in Ottoman Turkey from 1915-1930.



- Nevada facilitated its relief efforts from neighboring California's headquarters of Near East Relief located at 333 Mills Building in San Francisco.
- Nevada's NER committee organized community meetings to raise awareness about the plight of the Armenians and their suffering and distress overseas.
- Large meetings were held in the City of Lovelock under the auspices of the Council of Defense.
- During one of these meetings in January 1919, Rev. Papazian, an Armenian minister, spoke on the Turkish atrocities befalling the Armenians while Rev. Brewster Adams made appeals to all those in attendance to donate swiftly and generously to NER's efforts, which they graciously did.
- J.C. Durham, chairman of the Nevada's NER committee announced on January 9, 1919, "Reno was doing exceedingly well and that her quota of \$5100 would easily be reached if not surpassed."
- Reports from the Nevada Education Bulletin from September 1919 note the impressive participation from the state's 59 schools, civic and social organizations that joined forces to fundraise for NER's relief efforts and raised \$1,925.35 for that month alone, an amount equivalent to \$5,517.88 in today's dollars.



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- Nevada was active in its efforts to collect warm clothing and shoes during NER's annual "Bundle Day" clothing drive campaigns. Alongside the call for clothes was a special appeal for relief funds in communities which had not yet contributed their share in the "Armenian child feeding campaign."

## **Nevada, We Thank You!**

Thanks to the generosity of the Near East Relief, its participating organizations and entities, the U.S. Government and State Governments, and especially the American people at large, over 1,000,000 refugees and 132,000 orphans of the Armenian Nation and other Christian minorities were rescued, fed, clothed, and educated. We have survived, thrived, and prospered from the horrors of Genocide at the hands of Ottoman Turkey.

For your unwavering support and unprecedented generosity in donating to Near East Relief's humanitarian efforts, Nevada, We Thank You!



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