

RENOWN CELEBRATES PRIDE MONTH AND LGBTQ+ COMMUNITIES WITH LOVE

Rainbow lights illuminate Renown's iconic "LOVE" sculpture, and powerful employee stories shared during Pride Month



Reno, Nev. (June 16, 2020) – In celebration of Pride Month and Reno's LGBTQ+ communities, [Renown's LOVE sculpture](#), a one-ton, welded aluminum artwork with letters 10-feet tall and eight-feet wide, will be illuminated by rainbow LED lights throughout the month of June. *LOVE* is located at Renown Regional Medical Center's main entrance at 1155 Mill Street in Reno, Nev. and visible to vehicular and pedestrian traffic along the Mill Street and Ryland Street corridors.

Dr. Tony Slonim, president and CEO of Renown says, "At Renown, we are proud to support our LGBTQ+ communities. During Pride Month and beyond, we are honored to offer an inclusive, safe environment for our staff and patients—one that

celebrates diversity in all its forms. The *LOVE* sculpture has already brought a bright light into our world, and I look forward to the joy it will bring to everyone who gets to see it in rainbow colors."

In commemoration of Pride Month, Renown is committed to highlighting some of the LGBTQ+ individuals who make up a portion of its 7,000 employees. Sean Savoy, Renown's manager of spiritual care, shares how his experiences as a gay man positively affect his career in spiritual healing and the compassion he shows others.

"The foundation of spiritual care is compassion – being with people in need by caring, supporting, and showing empathy, and promoting a sense of well-being," said Savoy. Being a member of the LGBTQ+ community informs that deep sense of compassion and empathy in a very special and unique way. I have found the intersectionality of my gay and spiritual selves has been a blessing in my life."

Created by artist Laura Kimpton and fabricated by Jeff Schomberg, the *LOVE* sculpture first appeared at Burning Man in 2019. Thanks to a partnership with non-profit [Artown](#), the sculpture debuted at Renown in April of 2020, and since served as a symbol of hope and determination for hospital staff, patients and community members amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Generous donors and the [Renown Health Foundation](#) funded the sculpture's installation.

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About Renown Health

Renown Health is a locally governed and locally owned, not-for-profit integrated healthcare network serving northern Nevada, Lake Tahoe and northeast California. Renown is one of the region's largest private employers with a workforce of more than 7,000. It comprises three acute care hospitals, a rehabilitation hospital, the area's most comprehensive medical group and urgent care network, and the region's largest and only locally owned not-for-profit insurance company, Hometown Health. Renown has a long tradition and commitment to continually improve the care and the health of our community. For more information, visit renown.org.