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**The Rape Crisis Center to Receive
\$15,000 Donation from Nonprofit “A Hand Up”**

Las Vegas – On October 14, 2008, Senator John Ensign will be presenting The Rape Crisis Center with a check for \$15,000 from “A Hand Up”, a nonprofit that raises funds to support well-established Nevada charities that provide help to women and children in need, as well as the mentally and physically disabled.

The check presentation will take place at 2:15p.m. at The Rape Crisis Center, located at the College of Southern Nevada West Charleston Campus, at 6375 West Charleston Blvd.

The donation was awarded to The Rape Crisis Center to help fund operational costs, such as the center’s victim hotline, a phone service that is staffed by victim advocates and can receive hundreds of calls a month at a cost of over \$15,000 per year. The Rape Crisis Center hotline has recently had a dramatic increase in call volume, partially due to current economic conditions.

“Our goal is to provide immediate support to victims of sexual assault and their families,” said Louise “Lu” Torres, executive director for The Rape Crisis Center. “We’re grateful to Senator Ensign and A Hand Up for their assistance in supporting our mission.”

The Rape Crisis Center provides crisis intervention, advocacy, support and education to those affected by sexual violence. Advocates are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide support and answer questions. The center also welcomes calls from partners, family members and friends of rape and sexual assault victims.

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