

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER DISCUSSES SUICIDE PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH STIGMA

Man Who Survived Jump Off Golden Gate Bridge Shares His Story as Part of Renown Speaker Series



RENO, Nev. (Feb. 1, 2018) – Nevada had the fifth highest suicide rate in the nation in 2016, with suicide [claiming more than 600 lives](#) in the Silver State. This heartbreaking statistic is one of many that shows behavioral health is critical to improving overall health in the Truckee Meadows.

With a shared passion for improving mental health and removing the stigma associated with mental illness, Renown Health is bringing suicide survivor turned international speaker, [Kevin Hines](#), to Reno to discuss mental illness, suicide prevention and more.

More than 17 years ago, Hines jumped off the Golden Gate Bridge in an attempt to take his own life. But Hines was one of just 36 people (less than one percent) to survive. In the time since, he has made it his mission to share his story to help remove the stigma associated with mental illness while helping to prevent suicide.

The community is invited to hear Hines speak Monday, February 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Mack Auditorium inside Renown Regional Medical Center. The event is free and attendees are asked to RSVP at: bit.ly/SpeakerKevinHines

Hines' presentation will be followed by a panel discussion and Q&A session with behavioral health experts and care providers from Renown and other local organizations talking about suicide in Nevada and how our community can help those suffering with mental illness and addiction.

The Renown Speaker Series aims to improve overall community health by focusing on critical issues in northern Nevada such as suicide and mental health.

Please note: due to the sensitive subject of this topic, photography and interviews will not be allowed during the community event. Thank you for understanding.

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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, skilled nursing, 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 of being the first in the region to successfully perform leading-edge medical procedures. For more information, visit renown.org.