2017 WFA ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS PROGRAM

Innovations & Management Excellence

FORM FOR DIVISIONS 13 – 27

FAIR NAME: Nevada County Fair

CLASS: 2 (Example: Small Fair = Class 1) DIVISION: 16

a) What was the goal? Define the challenge/ problem/target audience and explain what you were trying to accomplish.

Our goal was to encourage and invite walkers to use the Nevada County Fairgrounds as a place to walk and exercise, and to promote the Fairgrounds as a safe, kid-friendly, dog-friendly and beautiful place to walk.

b) How did you achieve the goal? What steps were taken to solve the problem or accomplish the goal? Who was involved in the project? Include any working relationships with other agencies/groups.

To encourage walking on the Fairgrounds, we created a campaign (a series of posts) on social media that shared the stories of frequent walkers at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. Each post featured a photo of a walker (or two), along with an introduction of the individuals, and the reasons why they love to walk at the Fairgrounds. We also did a few posts with pictures of the grounds and inviting the public to use the grounds, as well as posts about the walking distance around the inner and outer circle of the Fairgrounds.

Example of a social media post about a family that walks the Fairgrounds for health reasons: "Meet Linda, Ronda, Vicky and David. These three sisters (and David, who is married to Ronda) walk the Fairgrounds every day, and "enjoy the sunshine, the green grass, the fresh air, the tall trees, and getting their "steps" in." They do 3-4 times around, and it's been beneficial to their health (Linda has overcome diabetes and Vicky is healthy after a heart attack). Says Ronda, "I love them too much to lose them, so I walk to support them." We're so glad you're out here, and thanks for being an inspiration to all of us!

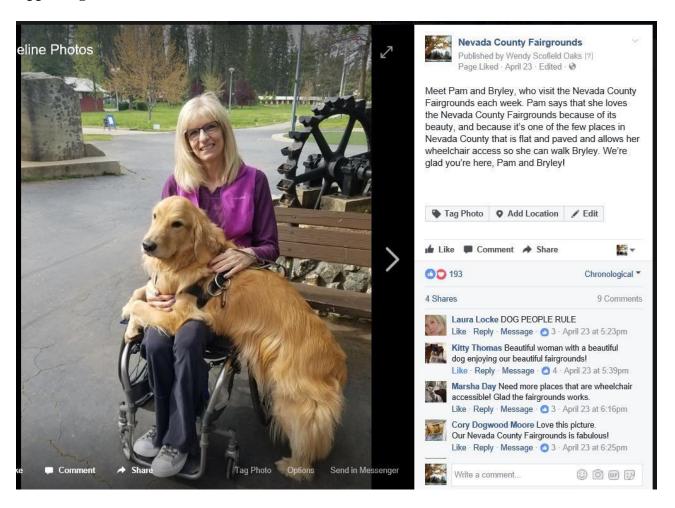
Example of a social media post inviting the public to walk the grounds: "Did you know that if you walk the outer circle of the Fairgrounds, it is .6 miles; if you are looking for a slightly shorter walk, you can walk the inside circle and get .4 miles in with each loop. We have thousands of walkers at the Fairgrounds each year – why not join the fun?"

Example of a social media post introducing a walker: "Meet Pam and Bryley, who visit the Nevada County Fairgrounds each week. Pam says that she loves the Nevada County Fairgrounds because of its beauty, and because it's one of the few places in Nevada County that is flat and paved and allows her wheelchair access so she can walk Bryley. We're glad you're here, Pam and Bryley!"

c) What were the results? Include tangible and quantifiable benefits such as financial, public or media awareness and attendance. Use percentages when applicable.

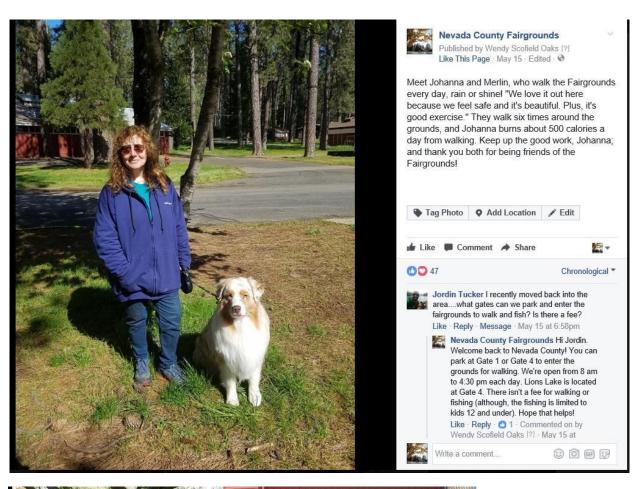
What a popular series! We received lots of comments, likes and shares on social media, and we continue to see lots of walker on the grounds. The campaign has allowed us to invite walkers to the grounds, as well as address questions from those interested in walking at the Fairgrounds. We've received questions (i.e. are the grounds pet friendly, what are the hours, etc.), as well as numerous compliments (beautiful grounds, so peaceful, thank you for keeping the grounds beautiful, thank you for providing a safe place to walk, thank you for opening the grounds to the public, my favorite place to walk). We continue to see an increase in walkers at the Nevada County Fairgrounds, and we will continue to feature our walkers on social media.

Supporting documentation

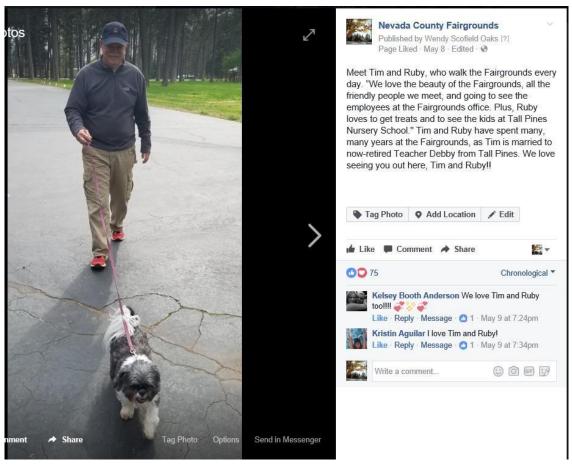




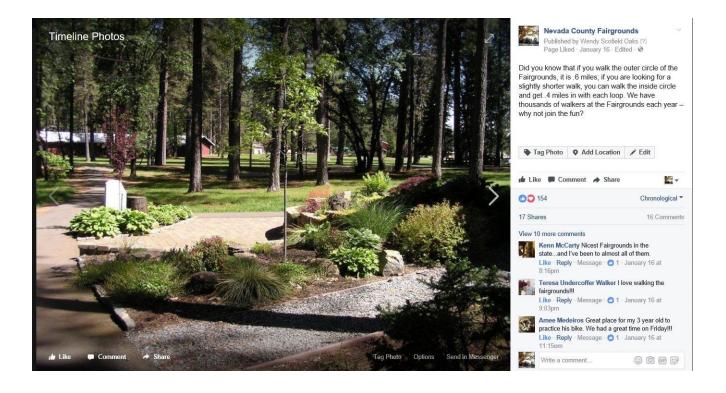












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