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Reno Non-profit to Raise Funds for “Stand and Deliver” Educator Battling Cancer

RENO – Sierra Nevada Journeys, a non-profit that promotes youth education, will host an event to raise funds for Jaime Escalante, the Los Angeles calculus teacher who was the subject of the famous movie “Stand and Deliver.” Escalante was diagnosed with cancer and is receiving treatment in Reno.

Many of the actors from the movie are leading a drive to raise funds for Escalante’s medical treatment, and Sierra Nevada Journeys plans to contribute to the effort.

“Jaime Escalante is an outstanding educator who made a positive impact on the lives’ of many students,” said Jonathan Mueller, executive director of Sierra Nevada Journeys. “Our organization recognizes passionate educators like Escalante through our Exceptional Educator program, and we want to help raise funds for his cause by hosting an event in his honor.”

The *Escalante Exceptional Educator Reception* will take place March 16 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Vassar Cordone Non-profit Center (1301 Cordone Ave). Local educators and community members will gather to honor Escalante and to recognize local teachers who have likewise inspired their students to want to learn.

For more information about the event, please visit <http://www.sierranevadajourneys.org/news>

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Sierra Nevada Journeys’ mission is to empower youth through positive risk-taking and experiential leadership, science, and outdoor education. To accomplish this, Sierra Nevada Journeys offers hands-on classroom activities, residential outdoor experiences, and professional development training for educators. The organization was established in 2006, and has served more than 9,000 students and 500 teachers in Nevada and California. Sierra Nevada Journeys strives to make positive impact by building a community of youth who are leaders, scientists, and environmental stewards. Learn more about the organization at <http://www.sierranevadajourneys.org>.