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New Café Operated by Visually Impaired DETR Client Set to Open Wednesday

LAS VEGAS, NV —The Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation (DETR) announces the grand opening of the Villa’s Snacks and Coffee Bar, managed by newly licensed operator, Ivan Delgado, inside the Clark County Family Courts main facility at 601 N. Pecos Drive, Las Vegas on Feb. 1, 2017 at 8 a.m.

Villa’s Snacks and Coffee Bar is the result of collaboration between Clark County Family Courts and DETR’s Business Enterprises of Nevada (BEN) program. The BEN program provides clients of DETR’s Bureau of Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired with training and on-the-job experience in managing food facilities, micro markets, and gift stores in public buildings, said Shelley Hendren, administrator for DETR’s Rehabilitation Division.

There are currently 18 businesses in the southern Nevada and 10 in northern Nevada managed by BEN operators. The BEN program operates under the Randolph-Sheppard Act which gives people who are blind the priority right to run vending facilities in government buildings.

“The BEN program is an innovative opportunity for people who are visually impaired or blind to achieve their dream of business ownership while contributing to the economic health of the state,” Hendren said. “We are appreciative of the partnership with government agencies that are dedicated to the success of the facility owners. The operators of these facilities are to be commended for their perseverance and entrepreneurial spirit in successfully completing the rigorous training and evaluations they undergo to prepare them to be business owners.”

Villa’s Snacks & Coffee Bar will serve around 200 of the Clark County Court employees as well as court’s 500-700 daily customers.

ABOUT THE REHABILITATION DIVISION

The Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation is designed to help people with disabilities remove barriers to employment and to help those already employed perform more successfully through training, counseling and other support services.

The Rehabilitation Division is comprised of three bureaus, which include Vocational Rehabilitation, Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired, and the Bureau of Disability Adjudication. The Division also includes the Blind Business Enterprise of Nevada Program, and the Office of Disability Employment Policy. All of these services are designed to address assessment, training, treatment, and job placement for Nevadans with disabilities. The division places primary emphasis on providing necessary services to help consumers become employed and self-sufficient.

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DETR is comprised of the Employment Security Division, Equal Rights Commission, Rehabilitation Division, and the Research and Analysis Bureau. DETR oversees the Nevada JobConnect System to provide training and job placement services to job seekers and to assist employers in hiring practices. It also supports economic development efforts through improving Nevada's workforce.