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A CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT
Stephanie Renee Sawyer Named Miss Nevada Nationwide 2018

(December 1, 2017) Council Bluffs, Iowa – Stephanie Renee Sawyer of Reno, was named Miss Nevada Nationwide 2018, and will represent the state of Nevada in the national 2018 Miss Nationwide Competition.

Stephanie holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, a Masters of Arts in Applied Psychology and is working toward a Doctorate of Philosophy in Education: Counseling Education and Supervision from University of Nevada - Reno. She enjoys ballroom dance, face painting, reading, advocacy and shopping in her spare time. She also devotes her time and talents as a member of *Bikers Against Child Abuse* empowering children to not be afraid of the world in which they live. Stephanie has worked with at-risk youth for three years, along with the elderly, children of all development ages and skill levels, and individuals with disabilities.

During her reign as Miss Nevada Nationwide 2018, Stephanie will promote her platform regarding childhood trauma and entitled, "Raising Awareness of the Impacts of Childhood Trauma". Her platform is an extension of her everyday life because she is a survivor of childhood trauma and suffers from chronic pain every day. Stephanie wants to open the discussion about the types of trauma children face and how it is literally killing them as adults. "I am actively working with survivors to help empower these children so that they are not affected in the same ways that we see in research. We, as a society, can no longer afford to stay silent. I will not be silent" said Stephanie.

The Miss Nationwide™ Charitable Foundation's mission is to provide scholarship awards within a competitive system designed to enhance educational and career opportunities for young women. By encouraging young women to serve as positive role models through service, personal development and volunteerism in their communities, the Foundation provides opportunities, that foster self-empowerment, personal confidence, and serve the community.

The Miss Nationwide™ Charitable Foundation was organized to provide unique opportunities for young women to win financial assistance in the form of scholarship awards, thereby helping achieve their education goals; to encourage the spirit of volunteerism; and to create and maintain a system of competition, thus ensuring the young women receive opportunities and experience which enhance them as role models representing positive American values.

The National Competition will be held June 2018 in Omaha, Nebraska, where Miss Nationwide 2018 will be crowned after competing in several areas of competition including: Interview, Platform Statement & Presentation, Personal Style & Expression, Evening Gown, On Stage Questions, and State Costume.

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Editor's Note:

- Interview and photo opportunities available
- High-resolution head shots also available