Rebel Recycling Program

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### Issue Research

**Social Issue**
- The health of our planet or environmental protection is something that most people ignore until it becomes a bigger problem.

**Current and Ideal State of Issue**
- Many states have implemented laws to help people practice environmental protection behavior.
- Ideally we want all states to implement environmental protection laws such as plastic bag bans and recycling laws.

**Rebel Recycling Program Approach to Issue**
- The Rebel Recycling Program offers recycling bins and water coolers on UNLV properties and events.

### Service Learning Experience

**Service to Community**
- I served my community by volunteering with the Rebel Recycling Program. With the program I spend 3-5 hours a month helping them set up recycling bins at the Sam Boyd Stadium for events like football and Supercross.

**Semester Reflection**
- Serving my hours with the Rebel Recycling Program taught me a lot about the process organizations like these have to go through.
- My experience was overall positive because I got to do something that means something to me and extend my knowledge along the way.

**Pros and Cons**
- It is amazing to see just how much recyclables are left behind after events at the Sam Boyd Stadium.
- The program offers peoples opportunities to lessen the amount of waste that goes into our landfills.
- The process takes a lot of time and prior planning.

### Difference and Making a Future

**Differences in My Own Views**
- By recycling, everyone can reduce the amount of waste we create and decrease the amount that ends up in our landfills.
- By using reusable water bottles this will lessen the amount of plastic bottles we put to waste.

**Differences I Made for the Site**
- Usually setting up all of the recycling bins for the different events would take hours but with my help, we were done in an hour or two.

**Personal/ Professional Learning**
- As I study to become a teacher, this experience has helped me to learn things that we do not really learn in our classes.
- In my future, I want not only my own kids but those in my class to experience the world in a healthy state.

**Future Change, Efforts, and Outcomes**
- I can address this social issue by doing my part and encouraging others to do their part pertaining to the protection of our environment.
- I can go through the waste that I create and make sure that I take out everything that can be recycled so that I can put them in the correct bin.

### References