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Project 150

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Social Issue

Homelessness is a major problem in the world we live, but it is even bigger when it happens to youths.

- Homeless youths are more likely to get involved in criminal activity, whether it is substance abuse, gang-related activity, or human trafficking.
- These youths are also much less likely to finish school, so they wind up becoming homeless adults.
- Studies have shown that homeless youths also internalize the instability and insecurity they feel, which will result in them recreating instability in the future.

Current State of Issue

- 23,790 homeless children in NV
- 11,253 homeless youths in CCSD
- 2,232 homeless children and youths are currently living in shelters or on the streets
- Youths between 12-17 y.o. are at higher risk of homelessness than adults

References


Service to Community

Project 150 is a non-profit organization that focuses on helping homeless students in the Las Vegas area.

- During the holidays, they pack meal boxes for homeless students (this past Thanksgiving they packed 1,900 boxes)
- Betty’s Boutique is a clothing section of the organization that allows students to come in once a month and get clothes for free with their Student ID’s.

What I did

- Helped out students who went Betty’s Boutique for clothes or school supplies
- Organized clothing donations and then hanging them out in Betty’s Boutique
- Helping organize the warehouse and bringing in more donations from trucks

Expectations

- When I first planned on going to the site, I did not have any expectations because I didn’t know what to expect, but I did not expect the place to be as organized as it was.
- The staff did exceed my expectations because they were all very passionate about helping out these teens, and the way they did things was very well organized.

Differences I Made for the Site

- I feel that I made little to no difference towards the social issue because the tasks that were given to me could have been completed by anyone.
- I believe that the organization as a whole can make a big difference, because they have the resources and connections

Personal Learning

- I learned mostly about working as a team with people I’ve never seen before (I also learned that there’s a lot of different women’s clothing)
- I gained a new perspective on the issue, and I got to meet and talk to some people who are affected by the issue

Future Change, Effort, and Outcomes

- In order for their to be long lasting change in this issue, more people need to be aware of the issue.
- I think that the most important type of service volunteering, because there are so many donations, and it is not slowing down, but there are not enough people working with them.
- If everyone pitched in and worked together to help the issue it can be resolved.