Project 150

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Answering The Call

**History of Project 150**
Established in December 2011 in response to not many organizations aiding homeless high school students in favor of younger and older crowds

**Purpose**
Provide homeless high school students with basic necessities such as food, hygiene items, and clothing

**Paradigm**
Project 150's paradigm model can be best described as a charity and donation based project. By partnering with over 75 different high schools across the Las Vegas Valley.

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Homeless Youth

**Social Issue**
Project 150’s main focus is addressing the teenage population suffering from poverty & hunger within the confines of Nevada

**Current Status of Issue**
As of November 2017, there are currently over 20,000 homeless youth in the state of Nevada, along with a rising trend (UNLV). Ideally, these youth would be capable of having three meals a day, hygiene products, and clothes available to them at all times.

**Service Site Approach**
Project 150 attempts to confront homelessness by providing a variety of goods in packages such as a meal and hygiene packs, as well as a variety of clothing and accessories for free at Betty’s Boutique, their personal store dedicated to serving homeless youth. Additionally, through working relationships with over 75 different high schools, they offer counselling as well as tutoring to homeless youth.

**My Approach**
Offering lessons about job and money management. Potentially finding connections for homeless youth that provides the opportunity to find jobs after high school life.

References

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Learning Service and Differences

**Service Provided**
Organization of clothing, hygiene products, and food across three separate days and three separate months

**Expectation & Reflection**
When first planning to serve at the Project 150 Volunteer Center, I expected some close contact to homeless youth. Unfortunately, I regret not being capable of having more interactions with them.

**Differences Made on Site**
Minimal but important to the overall process of providing homeless youth with important products in good condition

**Professional Knowledge Achieved**
A better hold of the ability to interact and cooperate with other people

**An Unchanging Mind**
Unfortunately for me, I feel I have not changed at all from my excursion to Project 150. Past experiences prevent me from changing my views of the world.