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Social Issue Research

DASH focuses on 2 social issues mainly that overlap each other, they provide for those who have food insecurities and the homeless population. Overall it is more about providing food for the homeless population.

The issue is very relevant all over the world, some places more than others. Las Vegas is one of those places where the homeless population is very large. DASH is UNLV's way to help the local Las Vegas issue. This issue is much larger than just the Las Vegas area, due to this dash can only help a very very small amount of the homeless population. DASH and the Las Vegas Rescue Mission can't even help everyone in the area they only get to help those who come to the Rescue Mission. The homeless population has nearly doubled in the Las Vegas area within the last 10 years.(#servingHopeLV). With the homeless population growing only about 1/3rd of the population seeks out resources in the community to better their life. All around the united states in major cities the homeless population has doubled. Many people believe that once people begin struggling they lack motivation to get back on their feet.



Come join UNLVolunteers as we team with the Las Vegas Rescue Mission to deliver food to those experiencing homelessness through Delivering and Serving Hope (DASH).

DATES:	
Fall 2018	Spring 2019
Sept. 14	Feb. 1
Sept. 21	Feb. 15
Oct. 12	Mar. 8
Oct. 19	Mar. 29
Nov. 9	Apr. 19
Nov. 16	Apr. 26

From 3:00 - 6:30pm at the SU First Floor Eating Bar

Sign up at: bit.ly/UNLVService
Contact serve@unlv.edu for more information.

Service learning experience & making a difference

During all of my time volunteering no experience was quite the same. I helped the first time by making sandwiches that were then later delivered to those at the rescue mission. The second time I had volunteered I had the opportunity to take on a different role and I was apart of making the bagged lunches. It was very rewarding to be able to take all of the sandwiches made and take other healthy snacks and personally put the meal that someone would be receiving. Looking back on both of my experiences both were so unique that i really learned a lot about myself and how my life is different. I had the opportunity to talk to a few of the people that they're receiving help from the Rescue Mission. This was a super eye opening experience as i was able to hear their experiences and how they got to where they are now. On the other hand while at the Rescue Mission there were a lot of individuals that had negative interactions with us volunteers.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Looking at what I took from each experience, I really adjusted my mindset and how I look at different people and situations. My perspective on service learning changed in the sense that I opened myself up to new experiences and a new type of community service that I had never thought about trying before. These experiences also opened my mind, the Las Vegas community is so different from my community at home it really has opened my eyes to how different it is. I am now appreciating everything I have and all the people I am blessed to have in my life. I should not take anything I have for granted. No matter the situation or what everyone is going through everyone should always be positive and keep an open mind.



Introduction

History and purpose of service site

Dash is a program that is based out of UNLV and focuses on providing food for the homeless population in Las Vegas. DASH stands for Delivering and supplying hope. All of the meals made go to the Las Vegas Rescue Mission. I had the opportunity to volunteer with them all throughout the semester. After my time volunteering I definitely feel that they are serving a very useful purpose here in Vegas. They are actively working to help invite a social change by providing for those who are less fortunate bringing them hope inspiring them to get back on their feet. Dash works multiple times a month to make and deliver the meals to help as many people as they can.