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## What is Project 150?

### History and Purpose

- A non-profit charity, that serves over 6000 high school students in need.<sup>1</sup>
- Started in December 2011.<sup>1</sup>
- They operate out of Southern Nevada and Reno
- They're mission is to "offer support and services to... homeless high school students."
- They believe that homelessness shouldn't be a reason why students don't receive a high school diploma
- They aim to provide students with the supplies needed to succeed in school.

## Youth Homelessness in Nevada

### Stats at a Glance

- Nevada ranks first for "unaccompanied homeless youth."<sup>2</sup>
- 24.7 percent of Nevada's homeless population qualifies as "unaccompanied homeless youth."<sup>2</sup>
- This means an estimated 6100 of Nevada's homeless population are under the age of 18
- Dropout rate of children of poverty is "six times greater" than those of higher incomes.<sup>3</sup>

### What to Do?

- Assisting these youths creates higher graduation rates
- A high school diploma alone can be worth an estimated \$7840 more a year.<sup>3</sup>
- Supplying clothes, stationary, toiletries, and food removes some of the burden
- Find ways of improving economic standings of local communities

## Volunteering with Project 150

### How I Shared my Time

- Receiving Donations
- Building food orders for in-need schools
- Stocking Betty's Boutique

### Reflection

- I was able to see just how in need those coming for help were.
- I realized that my contribution, though small, made an impact
- Everyone benefits from volunteering for a good cause.