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Reaching Out with Project 150

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### What is Project 150?

**History and Purpose**
- A non-profit charity, that serves over 6000 high school students in need.\(^1\)
- Started in December 2011.\(^1\)
- 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.”\(^2\)
- 24.7 percent of Nevada’s homeless population qualifies as “unaccompanied homeless youth.”\(^2\)
- 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.\(^3\)

**What to Do?**
- Assisting these youths creates higher graduation rates.
- A high school diploma alone can be worth an estimated $7840 more a year.\(^3\)
- 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.