Project 150

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Project 150 is a 501(c)3 non-profit charity organization that was created in December of 2011 when founders heard that 150 students were homeless while attending Rancho High School here in Las Vegas.

The purpose of Project 150 is to serve homeless students with support and services to continue school throughout graduation.

Project 150 currently serves more than 6,000 high school students in 58 schools in Southern Nevada.

Project 150 provides food, clothing, school supplies, and hygiene products to homeless students.

Project 150 also provides prom dresses for prom and most importantly scholarships to those whom are homeless.

Project 150 deliver to high schools food and school supplies. A boutique is on site open to students to pick out up to 10 outfits a month and to acquire and school supplies needed.

Service Learning Experience

Social Issue

- Many children face homelessness due to poverty and lack of support.
- The current state of homeless students is up to over 11,000 students in Las Vegas alone.
- The ideal state would be to end homelessness for all families who have students in the home or family.
- Project 150’s approach to this issue is to aid and serve the homeless youth of Las Vegas with items needed to fit in at school and graduate.

CCSD data reports that the number of families with children and unaccompanied youth who self-identify as homeless has risen over the years from 9,284 children in 2013-2014 to almost 11,000 children in the 2016-2017 school year (CCSD).

The top causes for homeless students and their families are lost jobs, alcohol and drug abuse by parents, gambling, and incarceration of a parent.

The lack of affordable housing and employment will cause 24,900 Southern Nevadans to become homeless this year.

References

Clark County School District (CCSD) (n.d.). Title I HOPE: Homeless outreach program for education.


My approach to this issue would be to raise more awareness by collaboration with outside sources to more obtain support from local and city government.

Service Learning Experience and Making a Difference

Service to my Community

- Donated items to help homeless students such as notebooks, pencils, and backpacks.
- Organized the boutique shop.
- Talked with students affected by homelessness.
- Sorted clothing to put in the boutique shop.

Semester Reflection

Reflecting on the time I spent volunteering brings me to a feeling of making a difference. Helping others should be contagious in our community.

Expectations

My expectations of Project 150 were that they provided clothes to students. I learned that Project 150 provides way more than that. I believe Project 150 does make a difference in the lives of homeless students.

Differences I Made for the site

I helped make a difference at Project 150 by helping reorganize the sorting area. I relabeled bins for sorting and hung prom dresses while checking them for damage and stains. I also was able to talk to a few students and they confirmed how hard it is being a homeless teen student.

Future Change

A future change must come to the Las Vegas Valley. Implementing early warning signs for students who may become homeless is key to preventing homeless students. Increasing job training, providing affordable housing, financial counseling, and financial services to families with students who are homeless is imperative to lower the statistics in our city.