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Social Issue Addressed
Homelessness in Nevada is no doubt an issue, just as it is in every major/popular city in the United States.

- According to endhomelessness.org, there are approximately 550,000 homeless people in the United States.
- New York has the highest amount of homeless in the U.S. with nearly 90,000. In Las Vegas/Clark County, there are about 6,500.
- Within the last decade, the highest amount of homeless individuals/families was during 2008-2011, right after the housing crash in 2008.
- According to Foscarinis, in his book Homelessness in America: a Human Rights Crisis, widespread homelessness first emerged in the 1980s where significant cuts were made in federal housing to help low-income people.

Ideal State:
Everyone has a home and has no stress of knowing whether or not the bills will cover the rent

References:

Having lived in Las Vegas my whole life, I know the parts of town and which parts are, informally, “sketchy,” “nice,” or “rich people.” Having lived in North Las Vegas for the majority of my life, I’ve seen a fair amount of homeless people and I would recognize a few of them every so often I would drive down a street. Of course, my family, and others, would ignore them, just drive right past them most days. However, people forget they are humans too. Some of them may have only recently been homeless, some of them have families, some of them have been homeless their whole life. They’re just like us.

After serving at Catholic Charities, I got to meet countless of people but for only seconds at a time. Many of them were quite kind, they would smile at me since I was a volunteer they have not seen before. I also saw that they came in all ages and ethnicities. Many of the races were quite balanced.

Future volunteering?
The future of this learning site is strong and I know it will only improve. I will definitely go back once the time is right and see the changes they have made.