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**History**

Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada began its concept in 1941 by Bishop Thomas K. Gorman. Decades later, it has formed into one of the largest, private, nonprofit, social service in the state. They offer tons of services, helping those from infants to seniors. Some of these services include

- Community Food Pantry
- Women, Infant and Children
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance
- Foster Grandparent
- Senior Services
  - Medical
  - Nutrition
  - Therapy
  - Medication

However, I mainly aided in the cafeteria and served food.

### 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.

### 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.