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Spread the Word Nevada

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Introduction

Mission Statement
“To advancing childhood literacy within low-income communities by changing lives one book at a time.”

History And Purpose
The organization was founded 17 years ago by a librarian with a truck. By now, there are so many warehouses in Nevada.

Community Service Paradigm
The community service paradigm that Spread the Word Nevada best fit is charity. A charity is helping people without expecting any return and is not expected to have any lasting impact. After Spread the Word Nevada collects books from donators, they will send those books to any children do not have books to read.

Social Issue Research

• 65% of American fourth-grade students cannot read at a proficient level (“Research”).
• 61% of low-income families have no age-appropriate books in their homes (“Research”).
• There is only one book for every 300 children in low-income neighborhoods (“Research”).
• “If all students left school with basic reading skills, 171 million people could be lifted out of poverty” (“The Right to Education”).
• “Literacy is about more than being able to read: it’s a world-changing, life-enhancing, life-saving skill” (“The Right to Education”).

Ideal State
Making sure every child in elementary school has books at home, so they could read and share books with their families and friends.

Service Experience & Making Difference

Experiences
• Cleaning and categorizing books.
• Erasing all marks and removing all stickers on the books.
• Recycling some books if those books are not appropriate for children.

Difference in My View
• I just realized that there are so many children out there in the world do not have a standard education level.
• I feel a lot of children in the world in need our help. Giving books to children to read is a very easy thing to do, so I think we should donate our used books to them or go to the site to do some selfless work.
• It is a great opportunity to learn how to concentrate on one thing and contribute my time to help others.

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