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Project 150

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Introduction

History
- Founded in December 2011
- The librarian at Rancho High School of Las Vegas found out there were 150 homeless students who were in need of support over their winter break.
- Project 150 operates in Las Vegas & Reno.

Purpose
- Project 150 offers support and services to homeless high school students that will enhance their success in high school.

Community Service Paradigm
- Project 150 focuses on creating a plan to solve the issue of disadvantaged teens in the community.

Social Issue Research

Social Issue
- Project 150 helps to address the social issue of teen homelessness in areas of Las Vegas and Reno.
- They serve over 6,000 high school students (3,300 registered homeless & 3,100 non-registered homeless).

Current State
- Since 2013 Nevada has been ranked 4th in the country for unaccompanied homeless youth (Cook-Craig, 2017).
- Many unaccompanied homeless youth face access barriers to education, keeping many of them from completing high school degrees or college education (NN4Y, 2017).

Ideal State
- The ideal state for this social issue if it were to be resolved, all students would have the necessities needed to thrive and succeed in their academics.
- There would be a future thriving state of productive society members that create new policies and support social change.

Service to Community
- Organized items in Betty’s Boutique
- Separating and sorting through donated items to replenish Betty’s Boutique

Semester Reflection
- Volunteering at Project 150 has made me more aware of this widespread social issue that I lacked knowledge of.
- It was very rewarding to know that my small contribution made a difference in someone else’s life.

Expectations
- Much more interaction with students who utilize the services of Project 150.

Differences I Made for the Site
- Made more donation items readily available for students to select from.

Personal/Professional Learning
- Through this service learning project, I became much more aware of the large scale of this social issue.

Future Change
- Project 150 helps in changing the future of this social issue among our community by providing those displaced and disadvantaged students with the necessary items needed to succeed in school.

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