



Menu of Opportunity

The Need in Southern Nevada:

More than 30,000 Southern Nevadans including families with children, couples, and individuals of all ages will experience homelessness at some point this year.

On any given day approximately 6,200 people in Southern Nevada are experiencing homelessness.

Homelessness is devastating for families and individuals, and significantly impacts all taxpayers as local government budgets pay for medical care, police and social services that serve the homeless.

Government entities, non-profit organizations, faith-based groups, and corporate partners work together to provide homeless prevention and assistance programs that have helped reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness in Southern Nevada. But we still have a long way to go.

You can be a part of the solution!

Meet a need, fill a gap, give SMART!

Give **SMART**:

S- Give to or Create Sustainable Systems of Giving.

M-Give Meaningfully and in Measurable Ways.

A- All-Winning. Give in a way that benefits those who receive, and in a way that benefits your community. Please don't dump donations for the homeless on city streets. This creates blight and is very costly for our city to clean up.

R- Give Reflectively

T- Give Your Time, Talent, or Treasure

Here are some suggestions on ways that you can give SMART:

Basic Needs

- Organize a collection drive for a homeless service agency:
 - Diapers and baby supplies
 - Food

- Interview/Professional clothes
- Socks/Underwear
- Shoes
- Clothing
- Hygiene supplies
- Serve a hot meal at a homeless shelter or project-based program
- Assemble hygiene kits for a homeless service agency
- Organize a party/BBQ for residents of a shelter or housing program
- Volunteer in Rescue Mission or Catholic Charities Thrift Stores
- Provide food or clothing donations at The Giving Project, an organized monthly service event
- Sponsor the cost of restoring documents such as ID and birth certificates

Housing:

- Assemble "Welcome Home" kits with essential home-goods for people entering permanent housing programs
- Own or manage property? Partner with Permanent Housing Providers to offer leasing opportunities
- Donate furniture and home-goods to service agencies

Transportation:

- Donate bus passes to homeless service agencies
- Donate a vehicle to a homeless service agency
- Provide free car repairs for homeless and at risk families
- Join the Mayor's Faith Initiative Homeless Workgroup Faith-Based Transportation Network
- Volunteer as a regular donation pick-up person for an agency
- Drive shelter or program participants to church

Employment/Skills Support:

- Hire homeless and at-risk community members
- Offer and advertise employment opportunities at homeless service agencies
- Offer employment at Job fairs and Homeless Service events such as Project Homeless Connect, Veterans Stand Down, and the Veterans Resource Fair
- Partner with an employment agency to provide transportation services for job interviews
- Donate suits and other professional clothing items to homeless service agencies
- Teach or Tutor: GED classes, resume building, computer skills, job interview skills

Professional Services:

- Partner with a homeless service agency to donate professional services;
 - Dental
 - Vision
 - Legal Aid
 - Financial services; Budgeting Skills, Tax preparation
- Teach or Tutor: GED classes, resume building, computer skills, job interview skills

- Serve as a Peer Mentor
- Provide free or discounted training to Homeless Service Agency Staff for service delivery improvements

Work to Increase/Develop Community-Wide Capacity

- Advocate to State and Federal Policymakers about funding and provisions for homeless and mental health services
- Join the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care and join a workgroup. Visit www.HelpHopeHope.org for a meeting schedule.
- Join the City of Las Vegas Mayor's Faith Initiative Working Group on Homelessness. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/h3z255!>
- Develop Affordable Housing
- Establish a Furniture Bank
- Build a pet shelter for the pets of the homeless
- Develop a foster network for the pets of the homeless
- Build a storage/locker facility for the homeless

Homeless Service Agencies that need your help:

Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada
702-366-2081
volunteer@www.catholiccharities.com

Family Promise
702-638-8806
familypromiselv.com

Help of Southern Nevada
http://helpsonv.org/get_involved-volunteer.php
(702) 369-4357

HELP U.S.A
asmith@helpusa.org

Hopelink
702-566-0576

Las Vegas Rescue Mission
volunteer@vegasrescue.org
www.vegasrescue.org
(702) 382-1766. ext. 1249

NPHY-Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth
volunteer@nphy.org
www.nevadahomelessyouth.org
702-383-1332

Safe Nest
702-877-0133, ext. 251
www.safenest.org

Salvation Army
www.salvationarmysouthernnevada
702.870.4430

The Shade Tree
(702) 385-0072, ext. 105
<http://www.theshadetree.org>

U.S.VETS
www.usvetsinc.org/lasvegas
702.947.4478

Women's Development Center
www.wdclv.org
(702)-796-7770

Find Additional Volunteer Opportunities:

<https://www.uwsn.org/volunteer>

www.volunteermatch.org

www.idealists.org

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