



MEDIA ADVISORY

Project 150 Youth Council presents 3rd Annual Velasquez Memorial Scholarship Soccer Tournament *The legacy of two young heroes lives on*

WHAT: Project 150 Youth Council presents its 3rd Annual Velasquez Memorial Scholarship Soccer Tournament. The tournament is a scholarship fundraiser for homeless, displaced and disadvantaged high school students. This event is organized in partnership with the Jimenez/Velasquez Family. The tournament is presented in honor of Angel and Jackie Velasquez.

The tournament is open to 7 vs. 7 teams with maximum 14-player rosters. Registration costs \$20 per player for teams of players 8 and under through 10 and under, or \$25 per player for teams for players 11 and older.

WHEN: **Sunday, Sept. 25**

- Registration deadline. To register or donate, visit www.project150.org.

Sunday, Oct. 9

- 9 a.m. kickoff for Velasquez Memorial Soccer Tournament.

WHERE: Tropical Breeze Park, 1505 E. Tropical Parkway, North Las Vegas, 89081.

WHY: **Proceeds from the event benefit the Project 150 Youth Council Scholarship Program, which awards college scholarships to local students in the Velasquez Family name.**

WHO: Angel Velasquez was a natural leader who lived with a purpose to serve. He died Aug. 1, 2013, killed by a drunk driver. Angel was a member of the Project 150 Youth Council and graduate of Las Vegas High School, class of 2012. He played with the Rush Soccer Club, was a criminal justice student at College of Southern Nevada and served as an Explorer with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. He was passionate about pursuing a career in law enforcement.

Jackie was always full of life, adventurous and energetic. She had the courage and ambition to achieve anything she set her mind to doing. Jackie attended Valley High School and was an honor roll student. In her spare time, Jackie played the violin, ran marathons, read books and spent time outdoors. Despite how “girly” her family says she was, she joined the Army at the age of 17. During her time in the Army, it became

evident that Jackie was a natural born leader. Jackie died on Oct. 3, 2014 after a two-month battle with cancer.

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About the Project 150 Youth Council

In January 2014, the Southern Nevada Hispanic Employment Program (SNHEP) Youth Council, founded in 2009 by teen sisters Senia and Sabrina Roybal, transitioned under Project 150's umbrella. Youth Council members assist in fulfilling Project 150's mission to meet the needs of homeless, displaced and disadvantaged high school students by providing food, clothing, school supplies and special requests. Members participate in monthly meetings, leadership training, promote higher education opportunities, cultural awareness, mentoring, community involvement, scholarship fundraising, agency partnerships, and career and workforce readiness with a pay-it-forward attitude. Members donate more than 1,500 cumulative community volunteer hours annually.

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