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Platinum Transparency 2022 Candid.

Project 150 has earned the Candid (GuideStar) Platinum Seal of Transparency, the newest and highest level of recognition offered by the world's largest source of non-profit information, for the fourth consecutive year. This platinum rating recognizes transparent reporting focused on progress measurements and results which extend beyond financial ratios.

## THE PROJECT 150 STORY

Founded in 2011, after hearing a local TV News report that focused on 150 homeless students attending Rancho High School, the shock over this seemingly hidden reality for over 7,500 students in the Las Vegas Valley created a buzz among a network of friends and business colleagues.

The initial call to action was to help 17 families who had not yet been sponsored. We received a ground swell of support and within a short period of time, we were able to deliver 3 truckloads of supplies to the families. It was an inspiring event. Shortly after, we realized this was not an isolated incident at one school, but a district wide issue with homeless students in just about every high school in the valley.

With just a few weeks before Christmas, we knew that the need to provide some sort of Holiday support for these students was paramount.

The success of our first event provided a true vision of what needed to be done. We knew that this could not just be an annual "holiday" endeavor, but rather an EVERYDAY venture to help provide the needs of all Clark County's homeless high school students.

Within a couple of weeks, a charitable trust was created and Project 150 was born. Through the additional and continuing support of friends, business associates and community leaders, we've been able to extend our attention to homeless high school students throughout Clark County. Even better, we're able to do this on a year-round basis.



### **OUR MISSION**

To offer free support and services to homeless, displaced, and disadvantaged high school students in the Southern Nevada area so they can remain in school through graduation and build a successful future.

### **OUR PURPOSE**

To empower and support homeless, displaced, and disadvantaged high school students to overcoming barriers that hinder their ability to receive an education.

FROM PROVIDING SERVICES AND SUPPORT
TO ONE LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL IN
2011 TO
PROVIDING SERVICES AND SUPPORT TO
SEVENTY-FIVE

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS IN 2022

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Proud, Inspired, and Grateful**. A few words to describe the emotions of 2022.

I couldn't be more proud of the significant impact Project 150 continues to make in the lives of high school students in Southern Nevada; Inspired to continue to do the work along side a dynamic team of passionate individuals and volunteers; Grateful for all the dedication, support, and generosity shown by our community as a whole.

As we close on another year, Project 150 continues to be the community's critical resource for high school students to ensure they remain in school through graduation. In the words of our students - "Project 150 is the COOLEST and TRENDIEST organization for teens in Las Vegas."

When I look back on some of the highlights from this year, I couldn't be more excited to see what we can accomplish together in the upcoming year! With your support, 69 students are college bound this year through our scholarship program; over 4000 students and their families enjoyed a traditional holiday meal this season; over 1000 high school students received brand new sneakers to start the school year; and over 700 graduating seniors received their caps/gowns to walk in their high school graduation ceremony. Together, we are changing lives and making memories that will forever be cherished. Thank you for being a part of their success!

On behalf of the entire Project 150 team and the Board of Director's, we extend our sincerest gratitude to you for allowing Project 150 to be the constant support system and a resource for homeless, displaced, and disadvantaged high school students in Nevada.

Here's to 2023!

With gratitude always,

Kelli Kristo

Executive Director

## PROJECT 150 CORE COMMITMENTS

### **EMPOWERMENT**

We believe in the limitless potential of young people and choose to invest in them as the key to a brighter future for our community.

### **INNOVATION**

We move quickly and continuously to innovate our approach in response to the needs of the young people we work with and the community we are part of.

### RESILIENCE

We are passionate and tireless in pursuit of our mission to help students become the first in their families to graduate from high school and/or college, and persevere through all obstacles.

### STUDENT CENTRIC

We center the voices, priorities and wellbeing of the students and families we work with in the decisions we make and actions we take.

### **STEWARDSHIP**

We are effective stewards with the financial and human resources entrusted to us.



## PROJECT 150 SERVICES

Project 150 provides free support and services to homeless, displaced, and disadvantaged high school students to ensure they remain in school and graduate. All services are free with a student ID from a Nevada high school.



### **Food Distribution:**

Weekly delivery (directly to 75 Clark County high schools) of food, hygiene items, and school supplies. Food delivery consists of cases of Ravioli, Cereal, Granola Bars, Mac and Cheese, and Cup O Noodle, for immediate access while students are on campus.

Family meal bags, complete with non-perishable food items are available for students to take home to feed a family of four. Fresh and frozen family meal bags are available daily at Project 150 for students to pick up during the week.

### **College and Trade School Scholarships:**

Project 150 provides college scholarships to students pursuing higher education and/or accredited trade degree programs in Nevada.

Project 150 awards over \$150,000 in funding each year and award recipients are announced during the annual scholarship luncheon in June.

### **Betty's Boutique:**

A trendy Boutique featuring like-new and new casual, business, and formal clothing, shoes, and accessories for students attending high school. Additional food, hygiene products, and school supplies are available in the Boutique. Students can select up to 10 outfits per month for FREE using their student ID.

### Information and Referral:

Project 150 proudly partners with many local organizations to provide additional resources for students. We work collectively to meet the needs of students in search of counseling services, health services, housing, employment, and much more.

### **Student Education & Empowerment:**

FREE life skills and educational workshops available to students and their families. Some classes include; financial literacy, English as a second language, preparing for college, motivation, preparing for the workforce, etc.

Workshops are available in-person at Project 150 or virtually via zoom.





**Don Purdue** Dreamscape Co.



Patrick Spargur
Bridge Counseling



**Gino Wideen** HKA Global, Inc.



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Penn National Gaming





Chet Buchanan Radio Show Creator and Host



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**Stacey Eisenberg** *Ivory Star Productions* 



**Pastor Ronald Thomas** Reconciliation Apostolic Ministries



STATS ON HOMELESS YOUTH IN NEVADA

5,645

**Total number of persons** experiencing homelessness on February 23, 2022.

9%

**Families with Children** 

6%

**Unaccompanied Youth** 

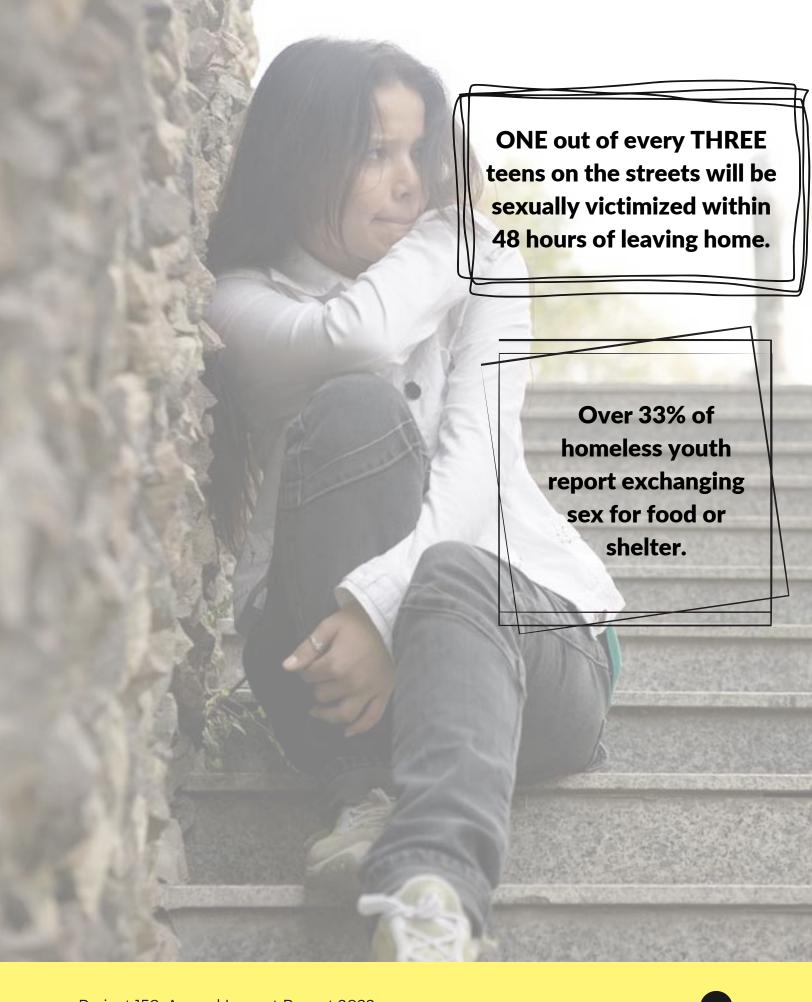
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Individuals were in **Families with Children** 

314

Individuals were **Unaccompanied Youth and Young Adults** 

Every year during the last 10 days of January, communities across the country conduct comprehensive counts of the local homeless populations in order to measure the prevalence of homelessness in each local Continuum of Care. The 2022 Southern Nevada Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on February 23, 2022.





7,168 VISITS TO BETTY'S BOUTIQUE IN 2022.

16,842 FAMILY MEAL BAGS
PROVIDED TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN 2022.

\$893,133

IN FOOD, CLOTHING, HYGIENE PRODUCTS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN 2022.







## OVERALL ORGANIZATION IMPACT

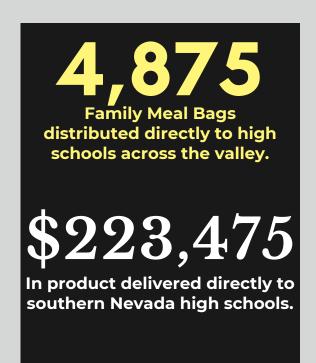
69 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED
IN 2022. 45 STUDENTS ARE FIRST
GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS.

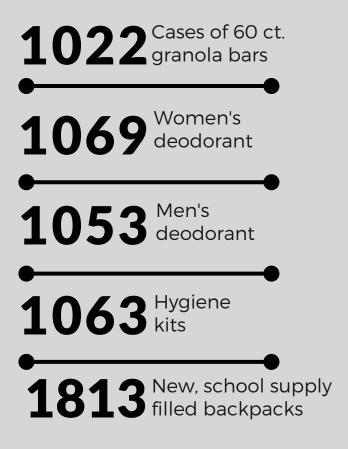
4,743 HOLIDAY MEAL BOXES DELIVERED TO HIGH SCHOOLS FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS.

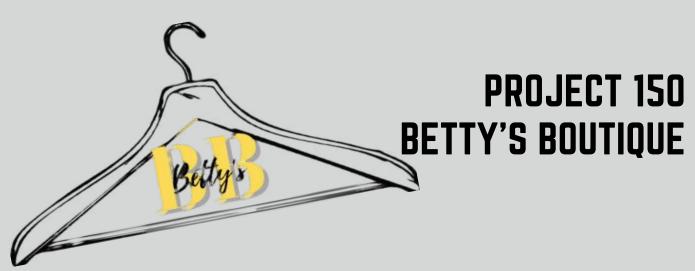
522 GRADUATING SENIORS WERE PROVIDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THEIR CAPS & GOWNS.

## PROJECT 150 SCHOOL DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Project 150 provides weekly deliveries of food, hygiene products, school supplies, and clothing directly to southern Nevada high schools. Orders are placed by school social workers, liaisons, and/or teachers every week to ensure their Project 150 resource room is fully stocked.







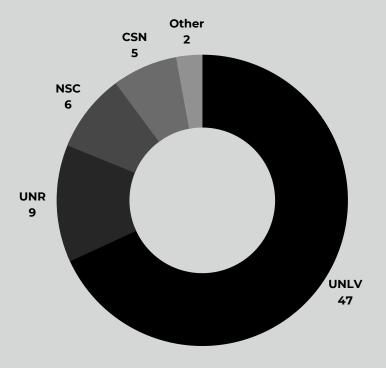
Betty's Boutique is a unique trendy boutique open year-round to high school students to access FREE new and like-new clothing, school supplies, hygiene products and additional fresh, frozen and non-perishable family meal bags. Students can receive items using only their student ID from a Clark County High School.



5486,197
In product distributed to high school students through Betty's Boutique

## PROJECT 150 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Project 150 provides graduating seniors and current recipients with funding for post-secondary education/trade school degrees. This program is funded through generous sponsors in our community. Application is open from October through April and awards are announced at the annual Project 150 Scholarship Luncheon in June.







## Congratulations 2022 Project 150 Scholarship Recipients

Ashley Abrego, UNLV Soulang Al Bitar, UNLV Melanie Azame, UNLV Jalen Banks-Wilson, UNR Paul'Jacob Barney, UNLV Jesus Basulto, NSC David Basulto, UNLV Lizbeth Basulto, NSC Zenya Benitez, UNLV Tatiana Carlo, UNLV Lisette Castaneda, UNLV Jenna Chang, UNR Kayla Covington, CSN Kacey Dai, UNLV Eme Fazili, UNLV Jaiden Fredieu, UNLV Arely Fuentes-Retolaza, UNLV BreAnna Gaitor, UNLV Daiyan Galvez, UNLV Jeannie Garcia, UNLV Melissa Garcia, UNLV Samantha Garcia, UNLV Lidia Geberslassie, UNLV Artesia Graham, UNLV Allison Guevara-Bermudez, NSC Ana Guzman-Reyes, UNLV Sabrina Javnes, UNR

Samuel Jones, UNLV
Layla Juniel, UNR
Trina Lehner, UNLV
Stephanie Limon-Garcia, UNLV
Briza Lizaola, UNLV
Andy Lopez, UNLV



Cecil Lycoris, UNLV
Zulma Madrid, NSC
Saarah Majid, UNLV
Genaro Marcial-Lorza, UNLV
Kayla Marshall, UNLV
Melannie Martinez-Sifuentes, UNLV
Yarlin Mayor, UNLV

Aliviah McCoy, UNLV Alayna McGuire, UNR Alexis McGuire, UNR Janie Montgomery, UNLV Manuel Morales-Marroquin, UNR Ronald Musni, UNLV Jerardo Nataren, UNR Bernard Olibrice, UNLV Judith Olibrice, UNLV Angel Perez, CSN Emanuel Perez, CSN Jaidyn Porter, NSC Sheyla Ramirez, UNLV Jacob Ramirez-Morales, UNLV Karla Ramos-Munoz, UNLV Iziyah Robinson, UNLV Dayanara Saldarriaga, CSN Francis Sangel, CSN Sheila Sattley, UNLV Susanna Selvester, UNLV Cecilia Tran, NSC Kaylissa Tudela, UNLV Guadalupe Tun-Diaz, UNLV Afra Ubaid, UNLV Afaaf Ubaid, UNLV Melanie Zavala. UNLV Samuel Zorrero-Flores, UNR











## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Project 150 offers a variety of family friendly volunteer opportunities, and signing up is easy, just visit www.project150.org for more information.

**Sorting** clothing donations and stocking the boutique. This is an opportunity great for teens, adults and families.

**Family meal bag prep** - fill nonperishable, frozen and fresh food bags for our distribution days. This opportunity is great for teens, adults, small group of 4 and families.

Speaker's Bureau - We are always in need of volunteers to attend community events and host our table. This opportunity requires a one hour training on our mission, services, and FAQs. If you are interested in joining the Speaker's Bureau - Contact us to schedule the training at 702.721.7150.

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US IN INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH AND BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY!

# OVER **15,000**VOLUNTEER HOURS RECORDED IN 2022



## PROJECT 150 ANNUAL EVENTS

### Las Vegas Prom Closet

Las Vegas Prom Closet, presented by Project 150, is an annual Spring event where high school students can receive FREE Prom attire and accessories with their student ID. Students can choose their FREE formal attire with the assistance of a personal shopper and receive vouchers for hair, makeup, and other beauty services. Donations of prom attire are from the generous support of the community.



### Scholarship Award Luncheon

The annual Scholarship Award Luncheon is held in June and is a celebration for the students and their families. Scholarship applications are open year-round and open to any high school senior or returning scholarship recipient. Sponsorships and donations to the scholarship luncheon and scholarship program are accepted year-round.



### Annual Fall Fundraiser

The annual Fall Fundraiser is Project 150's signature fundraising event held in October where we celebrate the work done with our community partners, donors, staff and volunteers. The event is an opportunity to share the highlights from the year and raise money for continued success in the year ahead. Sponsorships are available for this event.



## AUDIT REPORT



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors Project 150 Las Vegas, Nevada

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Project 150 (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2021, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Project 150 as of June 30, 2021, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Watkins Jackson CPAs March 14, 2022 Las Vegas, Nevada

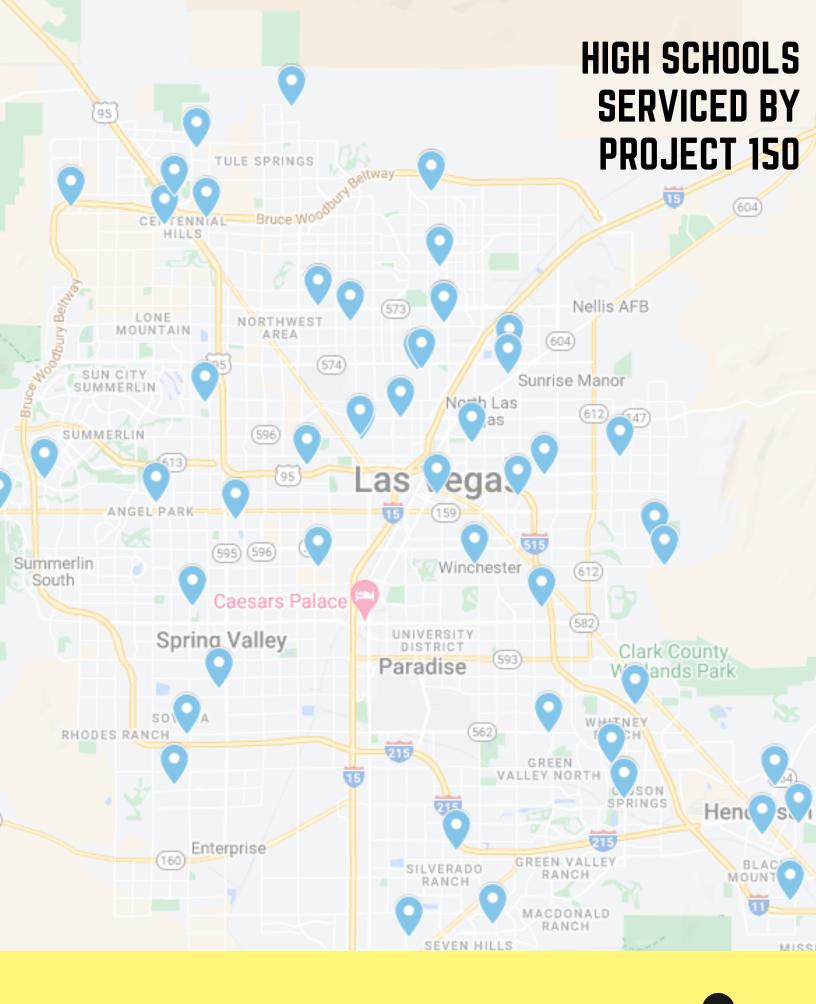
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## STAY CONNECTED











Providing free support and services to homeless, displaced, and disadvantaged high school students in Nevada since 2011.

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