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helping people help themselves

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SWEET NEWS WITH A MESSAGE



JUST ONE THING

A recent poll indicates that more Americans are developing habits to live green and save on the green, but there's still huge potential for more environmentally friendly behavior. A Harris Interactive survey of about 3,000 adults last summer shows where people have made the most changes in the last year. While changes are encouraging, the study shows areas where people can make more changes. If you can do just one thing, chose an area where you can be more green.

40% Switched to paperless financial statements.

41% donated an electronic device for recycling.

Source: Success Magazine February 2010



Want to go green? All you would have to do is send in your email, old cell phone, or both to HELP of Southern Nevada! Sending us your email would enable us to go paperless with our newsletter. This would reduce the cost of printing and save the agency money. Donating your phone will actually earn us money. Cell phone donations received are sent in to a recycling center that disposes and recycles them safely while compensating HELP with a cash reward. There is nothing better than earning money while helping our environment.

EMERGING EVENTS

What does Holland, France, Chile, Netherlands, Germany, 20 other countries and all the national associated press newspapers have in common? The answer is...(drum roll please) the outstanding outreach work that HELP of Southern Nevada is doing in the tunnels to reduce homelessness. Just recently, when the NBC "Today Show" was filming with the HELP team they encountered an individual who had taken residence in the tunnels

and had been living below for several years. With the assistance of the outreach team they were able to move the homeless man into one of HELP's programs. Over the past 8 months more than 15 homeless individuals who had taken residence in the tunnels have been moved out of the tunnels and into programming and permanent housing thanks to HELP of Southern Nevada and the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We serve with care. We assist families & individuals throughout Southern Nevada to overcome barriers & attain self-sufficiency through direct services, training, & referral to community services.



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WHAT'S HAPPENED

The Fall is always a busy season for HELP of Southern Nevada. In September 2009, the festivities kicked off with the 10th Annual Tea, Trends and Tranquility at the Four Seasons Hotel. Two outstanding women in non-traditional industries were honored for their outstanding leadership and commitment to our community.

Women Honored at the Tea

- Renee West – President of Mandalay Bay
- Virginia Valentine – County Manager, Clark County

The Turkey Drive in November of 2009 provided over 1,000 families with a Thanksgiving meal. To collect turkeys we again partnered with 97.1 The Point where we traveled to three different Albertson locations in the Valley, collecting turkeys. This year you could win tickets to any show at the Variety Theatre located in Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino.

Another partnership that is always key to Thanksgiving is the volunteers from Junior League of Las Vegas who help pack the food baskets for the families. "Done in a Day" is an annual event that is always valued and appreciated.

The Annual 98.5 KLUC Chet Buchanan and The Morning Zoo Toy Drive had another successful run. Chet Buchanan lived on a 30 foot scaffolding 24/7 for 12 consecutive days generating toys for over 10,000 children in our community. HELP of Southern Nevada helped distribute those toys to families in need this Holiday season. It is through partnership and collaboration that we are able to help so many families. Thank you Chet and The Morning Zoo!



Done In A Day November 2009



HELP Toy Store December 2009

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

- HELP of Southern Nevada's Board of Trustees welcomes **Terry Murphy** of Strategic Solutions.
- Two new board members have been nominated: **Caroline Ciocca** – the Director of Community Affairs for Super Pawn and Cash America Family and **Rosemary Womack**.
- Board of trustees member, **Dawn Merritt** is now the Community Relations Director for Wynn Las Vegas.
- Garry Dickover** is the General Manager of Candlewood Suites Inn on Paradise.



VOLUNTEER!



BE A MENTOR

Join other adults in action who are making a difference with youth between the ages of 16-22. The mentor program benefits the youth who are housed in HELP of Southern Nevada's transitional youth shelter. The program is designed to create positive role models for the youth, enhance social skills and provide career exploration. Time commitment is a minimum of one hour per week, for a minimum of 3 months.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

“Too many people spend more time planning how to get the job than how to become productive and successful in that job.”

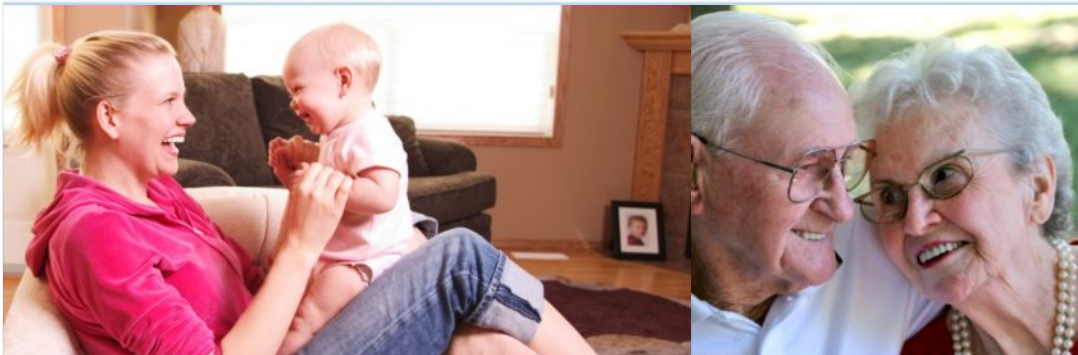
-Zig Ziglar

Work Opportunities Readiness Center, W.O.R.C., provides pre-employment services that empower participants to enter or re-enter the labor market as well as job retention. Workshops, support groups and networking, one-to-one personal or vocational counseling, job-seeking and job-keeping methods, leadership development, decision-making skills development, and assistance with developing an action plan are among the resources used to help participants build confidence, identify skills, and seek training or employment.

At HELP of Southern Nevada, we work closely with clients in a wrap around approach to HELP them help themselves. Here are few ways we can continue to work together to help our clients gain and retain employment.



1. Refer. Readiness Workshops. Contact Carol Williams, #697people who are under or unemployed to our W.O.R.C-3854 or cwilliams@helpsonv.org, for workshop dates & times.
2. Let us know when you hear of any job openings. Contact Uzuri Shakoor, #697-3853 or ushakoor@helpsonv.org.
3. Let us know when a mutual client becomes employed/enters school or if you would like to interview a W.O.R.C./Displaced Homemaker client for a job opening. Contact Jill Mojabi, #697-3855 or jmojabi@helpsonv.org.
4. Consider being a guest speaker in one of our workshops. Contact Germaine Kinunwa, #697-3852 or gkinunwa@helpsonv.org.



SUCCESS STORY – Emergency Resource Services

Alex is a 54 year old African American male living with his 83 year old significant other, as well as their adopted child and grandson whom they currently have guardianship of. Alex and Becky were referred to us by the union for food vouchers. Alex has been laid off and was receiving unemployment. Becky also receives veteran's benefits each month from her last husband. They fell behind in rent and utilities due to the decrease in income. Alex and Becky hadn't had enough income to buy food for the past several months due to the household income being too low and wanting to make sure they kept a roof over their children's heads. Both had made sure to pay their rent on time each month regardless of the fact that they have no food in the household for them or the children. HELP provided them the food vouchers and rent and utilities were paid under immediate needs. They were also given food vouchers to Smith's in order to buy food. Alex has been referred to WORC (Work Opportunities Readiness Program), 211, CCSS (Clark County Social Services), SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), EAP (Energy Assistance Program), and Kinship Care. They will be able to maintain after our assistance because they will be able to be caught up on rent and utilities as well as working with the union to find job placements. Becky and Alex were both very appreciative and called me crying several times telling me how grateful they are and how much worry we have taken off of their backs.

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SAVE THE DATE



HELP is celebrating 40 years of service.

June 17, 2010

A Night of Surprise & Celebration – 40th Anniversary Gala

B.B. King's Blues Club in the Mirage Hotel

from 6:30pm – 9pm.

HELP of Southern Nevada celebrates 40 years of serving our community. Join us for a night of entertainment, philanthropy and community spirit. The evening will prove to be one that is inspiring, fun and full of surprises. Tickets will be available for purchase soon.

For more information or sponsorship please contact Abby Quinn at aquinn@helpsonv.org

UPCOMING EVENTS SAVE THE DATES

June 7, 2010

Golfer's Roundup

Held at the Las Vegas Country Club. Registration at 7AM with a shotgun start at 8AM

Golfer's Roundup is a golf tournament and luncheon to benefit HELP of Southern Nevada. HELP is excited to announce that 2010's tournament will be held at the newly renovated Las Vegas Country Club. With the support of Golf Chairman Tom Kummer we expect a full field of players. Foursomes are \$1200 and an individual player is \$300. Sponsorships are also available. If you are interested please contact Abby Quinn at aquinn@helpsonv.org



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