



Title I HOPE NEWS

Homeless Outreach Program for Education

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First and foremost, Title I HOPE would like to thank everyone who participated in our annual stocking drive. Through your help we were able to distribute over 2,600 stockings to homeless students in elementary, middle, and high school.

In addition to our stocking drive, we have had many donors sponsor individual students who completed a wish list. In these difficult economic times, we were able to provide more gifts than ever before. The generosity of the community has been overwhelming this holiday season. Gifts were given to 180 homeless students at schools across the valley.

Thank you for all you do!

Quick Stats

August 2009-January 2010

4,753

total homeless students

1,062

homeless students in high school



Stockings were divided up into grade levels so that they could be picked up by receiving schools.



We were very fortunate to have so many students receive gifts for the holidays!



Students were thrilled when these packages arrived for them.

A Place Called HOPE

"The room has really helped me by providing and supplying things that I need. Even while living with my grandfather I still lacked many things. This room has helped me enormously. I'm really thankful for the support of the room and the people in it."

-12th grade student, A Place Called HOPE

"The Title I HOPE room has done a lot for my family. My mother is always depressed about how she can't buy me and my sister new clothes and food in the house. The HOPE program gave us gift cards for new pants and shirts and gives out food every Friday. This helps my mom to focus more on work. So I thank Title I 'cause without them my mom would still be losing sleep on where our next meal was coming from."

-12th grade student, A Place Called HOPE

"I love this room. I have met a whole lot of cool and interesting people. They have helped my family out a lot. Me and my sister and mom are very grateful for the HOPE program. They have given us food, clothes and also presents. We have fun in here everyday. Thank you for having faith in us kids."

-16 year old, A Place Called HOPE

"This room has helped me find some new friends and help when needed. HOPE has helped me make it to work on time and have great confidence on the go."

-11th grade student, A Place Called HOPE



a place called **HOPE**...
Dream...Desire...Achieve...
 A Title I HOPE High School Center

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

-Winston Churchill

A Place Called HOPE is now open at all three school sites. Western High School on the campus of the Academy of Individualized Study, Rancho High School, and Sunrise Mountain High School. Students at these locations are now utilizing the services of each room. The students' response has been tremendous!

As you can see, our high school centers are not only beautiful, but fully stocked with food and toiletries thanks to the generosity of the school district and the community.

Our counselors are the heart of the rooms. They provide not only the basics but a caring and supportive environment to help homeless students strive for the very best.



A Place Called HOPE at Sunrise Mountain High School

Voices of HOPE

"I am a senior in high school and enjoy playing volleyball, basketball, and gymnastics. I had lived with my mother and been abused by my mom and her husband for many years. My friends at school noticed bruises on my body. Through the help of different agencies I ended up being told by my step father that I needed to get my things and I was no longer allowed to live there. I then moved in with my aunt and at that point had no clothing or toiletries. There were times that I would steal toilet paper from the school bathrooms just so I would have some to use at home. I don't like to call it stealing, but rather "survival." When our cabinets were bare I would steal food from Food4Less if I had to. When we didn't have water we would fill gallon jugs with water from our neighbors hose to get the water we needed just to flush the toilet. I preferred to come to school everyday rather than stay home and deal with all the drama. At the end of my junior year, my aunt asked me to leave so I went to live with my other aunt. I currently take the bus to and from school everyday and have to leave my house at 5:40 to be at school. This room has helped to provide me with food, toiletries, and bus passes. I am planning to join the Air Force after I graduate from high school."

-Senior, A Place Called HOPE

A Place Called HOPE locations for students enrolled in Title I HOPE:

AIS: Western HS
campus

Wednesdays & Fridays
1:30pm-3:30pm

Rancho HS

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays
2:05pm-4:00pm

Sunrise Mtn HS

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
1:12pm-3:20pm

A Place Called HOPE will open a new location at Cimarron-Memorial High School!

The room will be open to students on Monday, March 22, 2010.



Food Donations

Title I HOPE will continue to accept donations throughout the year for our homeless teenagers. Any sealed non-perishable/non-expired foods are welcome!

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| Fruit by the foot | Fruit snacks |
| Fruit cups | Pasta |
| Juice boxes | Top Ramen soup |
| Small cereal boxes | Rice Krispy treats |
| Breakfast bars | Granola bars |
| Pudding cups | Cookie packs |
| Beef Jerky/Slim Jims | Pop-top soups |
| Pop-top spaghetti | Ravioli |
| Easy Mac & Cheese | Tuna/Ham packs |
| Nutrition bars | Oatmeal packets |

The Nevada Community Foundation Awards Title I HOPE a Grant

Title I HOPE would like to thank the Nevada Community Foundation for awarding a grant of \$8,500 that allowed us to supply our resource centers with much needed items for our high school students.

Through this funding we were able to purchase warm clothing for the cold winter weather, blankets, toiletries and non-perishable foods to stock each room.

This grant was made possible through the generosity of the following Charitable Funds of the Nevada Community Foundation:

Alden L. Briggs Charitable Fund, Kirsten Carter Fund, Beverly House-Myers Family Community Fund, Jameson Family Unrestricted Fund, Lou Gamage Unrestricted Fund, Ritter Charitable Trust Unrestricted Fund, Roesener Family Unrestricted Fund, Southern Nevada Unity Fund, and the Ethel Wilson Unrestricted Fund.



Thank You for Supporting Title I HOPE 2009-2010

We would like to thank the individuals, schools, and community organizations that have made donations to Title I HOPE. We appreciate all contributions and will continue to acknowledge them in our newsletter!

We apologize if we inadvertently left any donors out of this issue of the Title I HOPE news. Please contact Kelly-Jo Shebeck on InterAct or at 855-6682 to ensure we add your name/organization to our next issue.

Our office has received numerous donations of toiletries, school supplies, clothing, and gift cards that we distribute to needy students who qualify for Title I HOPE services. We are currently in need of gift cards for our homeless high school students. If you have any questions or would like to set up a donation drive, please call our office at 855-6682.

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