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**Title I HOPE seeks community assistance to brighten the holidays
for homeless youth**

Homeless outreach program to help create stockings this holiday season

LAS VEGAS –The Clark County School District Title I HOPE (Homeless Outreach Program for Education) is holding its annual stocking drive and seeking the help of community members to make a difference in the lives of homeless youth this holiday season. Individuals interested in helping homeless students have a memorable holiday season can assist by making stockings, as well as stuffing the stockings with donations.

"We are unfortunately seeing an increase in the number of homeless students and foresee it exceeding last year's count, so community support is needed now more than ever," said Title I HOPE Coordinator Paula Zier. "Even the simplest items, such as toothbrushes and toiletries, are appreciated by HOPE students because it sends a message to the youth that the community cares about them and that we want them to be successful."

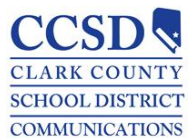
To participate in the stocking drive, donors are asked to buy medium size stockings and fill them with new gifts ranging in value from \$15 to \$20, such as gift cards, gloves, socks, movie tickets, books, toys, lotions and colognes. They should then attach a label to the stocking indicating whether it is for a girl or a boy, and if it is for an elementary, middle or high school student. In order for these stockings to be delivered to schools, they must be dropped off at the Title I HOPE office, 2501 Sunrise Avenue, by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Title I HOPE is a program that works to remove barriers for homeless students to enroll in school and provide them with the means necessary to be successful in school. At this time last year, the program registered approximately 3,500 homeless students. Currently, the registration number is nearly double, with the potential for the number of homeless students to reach nearly 10,000 by the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Title I HOPE helps to provide these students with basic needs. Even when the holiday season is over, the program continues to accept donations such as toiletry items and new clothing for students. The program is currently in need of elementary school jackets for boys and girls.

Those who are interested in helping to make stockings or collect stocking stuffers, can contact Title I HOPE Project Facilitator Sue Goldman at (702) 855-6682.

To view stocking information and to learn more about Title I HOPE, visit <http://ccsd.net/departments/title-i-hope/organize-donation-drives>

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