



## CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

- On any given night there are an estimated 760 chronically homeless in Southern Nevada.
  - This is about 8.1 percent of the approximately 9,417 people who are homeless in Southern Nevada on any given night.
  - To be chronically homeless means having a mental and/or physical disability in addition to being homeless for at least one year or having at least four episodes of homelessness within the past three years. (Substance abuse, depression and other mental issues qualify as disabilities.)
- There was a 34 percent decrease in the number of chronically homeless in Southern Nevada from 2009-2014.
  - This was achieved through targeted efforts by government agencies and nonprofit organizations.
- Chronically homeless individuals can significantly impact government and private sector resources, specifically emergency rooms, mental health services and police departments.
- Help us work to end chronic homelessness in Southern Nevada by donating your time or money to the homeless trust fund, one of our community partners, or one of several events held throughout the year. Visit [www.helphopehome.org](http://www.helphopehome.org) for more information.

### *Testimonials:*

*“My name is Stanley Dzienanowski. I became homeless due to not working. I went to Idaho and started working in a potato plant for 4 months and then got laid off, then came back to Nevada and became homeless again. HELP of Southern Nevada came to the park I was homeless at and ask me if I wanted to get off the street, and I did not think twice about saying yes, and I do not regret my decision. Now all I am looking for is to keep going in the same direction as I'm going now.” - Stanley D., 62, homeless for over 2 years*

*“To Whom it May Concern, I was a client of HELP of Southern Nevada (Homeless Services). The program walked me thru Drug and Alcohol rehab, showed me how to talk to people and got me involved with Voc Rehab. Today I'm the Manager Assistant at Jaramillo Landscape. I'm able to pay my bills and take care of myself. My quality of life is outstanding. I have hope. Thank you Mindy Torres and HELP of Southern Nevada.” - Robert M., 41, homeless for over 4 years*