



**LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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The Giving Project





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**Someone donates directly to the
homeless...**

Crime, urban blight, environmental hazards ensue...





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Mission Statement

To provide a safe and reasonably clean environment where nurturing citizens can give to the homeless in a controlled space, reducing the chance of criminal conduct and improving the quality of life in the area, and providing service resistant people with an opportunity for connection with help.





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The Problem: Main and Foremaster





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The Problem Continued:

- Due to people freely giving items and food at Main and Foremaster:
 - Trash piles up
 - Vermin (rats) descend
 - Feces and other biohazards abound
 - Disease is imminent- Airborne and Blood-borne pathogens
 - Businesses in the area suffer economic loss and blight
 - CRIME INCREASES





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The Giving Project

- ★ Attempts to provide a solution that relies on education and ACTION.
- ★ Not a total solution, a catalyst for change
- ★ Doing SOMETHING is better than doing NOTHING
- ★ Lives will be improved





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How it works: Education

“Givers” will be educated utilizing:

- Fliers
- PSA
- Outreach
- Metro Website





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Education continued

Givers will be educated about:

- Urban Blight
- Alternative programs (preferred)
- The Giving Project





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Sample Flier

THE GIVING PROJECT

When: April 5, 2014 10 am -12 pm
Where: 850 Las Vegas Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89101 Cashman Field

Next Giving Project:
When: May 3, 2014 10 am -12:12 pm
Where: To Be Announced

"HELPING NOT HURTING"

HELPING HOMELESS IN A SAFER
CONTROLLED EVENT

COMMUNITY WORKING
TOGETHER

DON'T CHANGE YOUR GIVING -
CHANGE YOUR EFFECTIVENESS

THE GIVING PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

You are to be *commended* for your kindness and caring for others. All too often well-intended donations end up discarded on our city streets. If you must give directly, please consider using the alternative, "The Giving Project" which is a controlled, facilitated location that will make available to you a safe transfer of goods straight to those in need, thus reducing the odds of your donation going to waste. Bring your donations to our scheduled rotating locations and become a part of community working together!

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ADDITIONAL CONTACTS:

HelpHopeHome.org
702-455-4832

DTAC/COOP/HELP
828-DTAC (3822)
Nevada 211

Other Opportunities for Responsible Donating:

Catholic Charities
Deseret Industries
Goodwill
HELP of Southern Nevada
Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth
Opportunity Village
Salvation Army
Three Squares

www.catholiccharities.com
www.deseretindustries.net
www.sngoodwill.org
www.helpsonv.org
www.nevadahomelessyouth.org
www.opportunityvillage.org
www.salvationarmysouthernnevada.org
www.threesquare.org

COMMONLY VIOLATED ORDINANCES:

Crosswalk/Jaywalk
Driving on the sidewalk
Dumping/Littering on a Highway
Obstructing Traffic
Opening Door in Traffic

Parking in Red Zone
Pedestrian/Vehicle Obstruction
Prohibited parking (red zone)
Stopping on Main Traveled Part of Roadway
Walking on Roadway where Sidewalk Provided





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Action

Once per month (initially) Metro will facilitate a location in downtown where those who wish to give can come and do so in a safe environment





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The location will rotate every month, and the homeless and those who give donations will be notified by PSA and flier of the intent of the program. Givers will be encouraged to use non-profits as the best method for donating.





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Volunteerism

- ★ The Giving Project hopes to bring not only the “Givers” to those in need, but a place to for volunteers to help:
- The Downtown Project
- The City of Las Vegas
- Our faith based communities





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Enforcement

As time goes by and folks are educated about options, normal enforcement of criminal violations will resume to effective levels





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The community at large

- Needs partnership with many local stakeholders (cannot be done by Metro)
- New locations are critical, ideally there would be 12
- As this picks up steam, more volunteers will hopefully attach





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Benefits

- ★ Education of the public
- ★ Reduction in urban blight
- ★ Reduction in crime
- ★ Outreach for those in need
- ★ Volunteerism increased
- ★ Overall a better City for all





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These streets belong to everyone...

