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## **Project 150 and KLAS-TV 8 News NOW join forces to help homeless high school students**

**LAS VEGAS** – Project 150, a homegrown local charity, and KLAS-TV 8 News NOW will hold a donation drive to help homeless, displaced and disadvantaged high school students from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 17, at the 8 News NOW station, 3228 Channel 8 Drive.

The effort is a part of the station's Founder's Day of Caring, during which 8 News NOW and its community partners rally to help a local charity meet the needs of the people it serves.

"We are proud to partner with Project 150 in support of local high school students struggling through tough situations," said Lisa Howfield Vice President & General Manager of KLAS-TV "Their determination to stay in school needs to be met with as much support from the community as possible. They are our future."

During the donation drive, members of the public can bring donations to the station. News anchors will broadcast updates of the drive throughout the daylong event.

Project 150 Executive Director Meli Pulido said more than 2,500 homeless high school students in the Las Vegas Valley don't have the basic necessities to keep up in class. Yet they need help all year long, especially when school is out for the summer and during the back-to-school season. Among the critical needs are:

- New adult-size socks
- New underwear for men and women
- Athletic shoes for men and women
- 1- to 2-inch binders
- Notebooks for high school students
- Heavy-duty backpacks
- Flash drives
- Scientific calculators
- Ready-to-eat foods, such as cup-noodle soups, tuna or chicken lunch packs, granola bars and oatmeal packs.
- Monetary Donations #ShareAMeal #FeedItForward

For information about Project 150 and its programs, visit [www.Project150.org](http://www.Project150.org), or call (702) 721-7150. Follow Project 150 on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

### **About Project 150**

Project 150 is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit charitable organization, founded in December 2011 by local businessmen Don Purdue and Patrick Spargur. The two had heard about 150 homeless high school students at Rancho High School in Las Vegas who were in need of support over the Christmas break. Since that time, Project 150 has expanded and now serves more than 2,500 homeless, displaced and disadvantaged high school students in 47 Southern Nevada high schools and 15 in Reno/Sparks. Project 150 provides these students with food, clothing, school supplies, sports equipment, shoes and other needs so they can stay in school and be successful in life.

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