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## **Project 150 welcomes Executive Director Meli Pulido**

**LAS VEGAS** – Project 150, a Nevada charity that helps homeless, displaced and disadvantaged high school students with basic necessities, is pleased to announce Meli Pulido will resume her role as executive director, effective Sept. 24.

Pulido has been instrumental in Project 150’s growth and development over the past two years, serving as executive director from February 2013 to February 2015, and most recently as a member of the board of directors.

Pulido will once again take the helm as outgoing Executive Director Debbie Harpster pursues a new opportunity at Three Square Community Food Bank, one of Project 150’s valued community partners.

“We are pleased to have Meli step back into the driver’s seat to keep our organization moving forward,” said Don Purdue, Project 150 co-founder and president. “Since joining our cause, she has exuded passion and dedication that is contagious and will serve us well in our mission to help improve the lives of Nevada’s high school students who are most in need.”

With more than 2,100 homeless high school students in the Las Vegas Valley, Project 150 has been expanding to meet the ever-growing need for its services. The charity earlier this month opened its new building at 3600 N. Rancho Drive. The 8,000-square-foot building includes offices, a volunteer center and Betty’s, where local high school students can shop for free clothing in a boutique-style setting. It was named in honor of Betty Engelstad, the charity’s benefactor.

Project 150 is in constant need of in-kind donations of new and gently used clothing and accessories for teens, in addition to school supplies, hygiene items and financial assistance.

### **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 2,000 homeless, displaced and disadvantaged high school students in 44 schools throughout Nevada. Project 150 provides these students with food, clothing, school supplies, sports equipment, shoes and other needs so they have what they need to continue school and be successful in life. For information, visit [www.Project150.org](http://www.Project150.org), or call (702) 721-7150. Follow Project 150 on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

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