



H.O.P.E. For The Holidays...
a benefit for homeless teenagers

"I am alone and afraid with nowhere to go. I want a normal family...a normal home. I feel hopeless and desperate. I am afraid to trust. I am hungry. If I ask for help, they will send me back. I feel non-existent in the world around me. I want to stay in school, to be successful. I want to matter. I want to be loved."

Dear Sir or Madam:

This year, as you review all of the many requests you receive, we hope you will consider giving a gift that will make a difference for the countless teens in our community who have no home.

The number of homeless youth in the Las Vegas valley last year exceeded 4,000. Homeless can mean living in a shelter, multi-family situation, week-to-week motel, "couch surfing" (living with friends until their parents throw them out), or literally, on the streets. The money raised from "H.O.P.E. for the Holidays" could buy these teens clothing, food cards, bus passes, non-perishable foods, toiletries, pay for graduation costs, elective class fees and so much more. Remember, these teens want to continue their education and be successful although they may not have a place to call home.

November is National Homeless Teen Month. In honor of this, we will be hosting our second annual H.O.P.E. for the Holidays event on November 22, 2008, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Promenade of the Henderson Pavilion. With local entertainment, fabulous food, games, door prizes, and a silent auction, this non-profit event is sure to be great fun for the entire family.

Our first H.O.P.E. for the Holidays event last December was a huge success due to the wonderful donations we received from so many businesses and individuals of our community. We are very grateful to those who contributed to this important cause last year.

It is our hope that this year's event will be just as successful. Your donation of a silent auction item will help us achieve our goal of supporting homeless youth in the Las Vegas community. Please call (702) 595-7161 or (702) 376-5094 if you would like to donate an item for our silent auction and we will gladly arrange for a pick up of your donation item.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity. Please help us continue to give the gift of HOPE.

Sincerely,

Cookie Sclafani & Donna Klerk
H.O.P.E. for the Holidays Silent Auction Co-Chairs