Public Awareness Campaign to Remove the Stigma Around Homelessness



Ending Homelessness In Southern Nevada

www.HelpHopeHome.org

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Toolbox

- Tool Kit created by Nevada Homeless Alliance for COC partners
 - One Page FAQ for each sub population:
 - General Homelessness Overview
 - Chronic Homelessness Overview
 - Ending Veteran Homelessness
 - Youth Homelessness Overview

http://nevadahomelessalliance.org/get-involved/



VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

- On any given night an estimated 1,230 Veterans are homeless in Southern Nevada.
 - This is about 13 percent of the approximately 9,417 people who are homeless in Southern Nevada on any given night.
- The number of homeless Veterans in Southern Nevada has decreased more than 8.8 percent since 2011.
 - This is thanks to a various efforts, including the HUD Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program, which combines housing vouchers with case management services.
 - Locally, 1,183 homeless Veterans received housing through the HUD-VASH program since 2008.
- Nationally, Veterans are 12 percent of the homeless population, but only 6.7 percent of the US population.
 - Veterans (whether homeless or not) have higher rates of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), sexual trauma (harassment and/or assault of female members of the military), and traumatic brain injuries than the general population. These issues increase the risk of homelessness.
- Homelessness is devastating for those families and individuals, and significantly impacts all taxpayers as local government budgets pay for the medical care, police and social services that serve the homeless
- To learn more about ways to help homeless Veterans, through donations and/or volunteering, please visit the <u>www.helphopehome.org</u> and call the VA's Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC) at (702) 791-9077



Ending Veteran Homelessness

KCLV-TV Las Vegas City of Las Vegas Television

Discusses how to get involved with ending Veteran homelessness

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= ZzENs3
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FB: HouseVetsNV

Twitter: House VetsNV



Dropping Off Clothes To Homeless PSA

KCLV-TV Las Vegas City of Las Vegas Television

Discusses waste created by street donating.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IbI2pZg kpJk



Homeless Food PSA

KCLV-TV Las Vegas City of Las Vegas Television

Discusses dangers of street feeding

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rweRoH
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Ending *Homelessness* 2016

KCLV-TV Las Vegas City of Las Vegas Television

30 Minute special highlighting

- Outreach in the Tunnels
- Youth Homelessness
- Ending Veteran Homelessness

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kBGINE
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- Do not post below the fold
- Create a hashtag/limit (#HouseVetsNV)
 - Post at key viewing times
 - Stay on message
 - Keep it short (link out to more text)
 - Share successes
 - Use photos with people in them
 - Use live feeds/Snapchat
 - Centralize on Hootsuite for Free















Relationship with the Press



- Build trusted relationships across all local media
- Pick one preferred station/newspaper
- Give one story idea a month
- Write stories for press

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v
=eXvCnQYVrrQ

Downtown Zen

Monthly Publication of Zappos

http://dtzen.com/outreach-life-2









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> Current Issue > Outreach Life Home

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Lessons Learned

- Use inclusive language, i.e. "team" "our"
 - Create a coordinated message
- Designate a spokesperson/agency (specialized areas on-call)
 - Stay on message
 - Don't criticize or attack others
 - Be transparent (share successes & failures)
 - Flood local press & social media to create your own buzz

