

December, 2011

President's Note

My, how time flies . . . I cannot believe I have begun my 11th year dedicating my volunteer time to Street Teens; currently serving as board President.

In January of this year, after an exhaustive 15 months of renovation work, we moved into our new facility consisting of over 3,000 square feet of space where the air conditioning works and the roof doesn't leak! It truly is a Sanctuary where we provide drop-in programming services every day of the week for homeless teens that come to us from all over the Las Vegas valley and beyond.

On behalf of my fellow board members and the homeless teens we serve, I extend a sincere "thank you" to all of our donors that have continued to faithfully support the financial needs of the Street Teens organization.

I look forward to continue working with all of my fellow Street Teens board members, volunteers, employees and donors throughout 2012, dedicating ourselves to ending homelessness among our valley's youth.

Sincerely,
Patricia Johnston, President
Street Teens Board of Directors

Executive Director's Note

It is so hard to believe that 2011 has come and gone so quickly. I am so very proud to say that 2011 marks the end of my ninth year of service to Street Teens. I look forward to 2012 and all of the changes and challenges that it will bring.

In 2011, we began operations at our new facility. All of the kids have enjoyed the new building not just because it is new but more because of the sense of stability that it gives to them, knowing that we will always be here. We are so very excited and proud of our accomplishment.

We have developed many new partnerships in 2011 some of which include: NACE, The Nevada State Apartment Association, LDS Church, Links for Life, LUSH Cosmetics and The Palms Casino. With partners like these, there is no limit to what we can accomplish in 2012.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few of the many incredible supporters that have continued to believe in our mission through the years. Some of the many include: The Wal-Mart Foundation, S.I.O.R, The Kara Foundation, the MGM Voice Foundation, and the Wells Fargo Foundation. We would not be able to do the great work that we do without your support.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Renee Cruz, Gracie Buckner and Lizette Silva for their dedication; it has been a pleasure working with all of you in 2011. I would also like to thank the Street Teens volunteers and interns who dedicate their time each week to be at the center with our kids, you inspire us all. Last, but not least, I would like to thank the Street Teens Board of Directors for their continued support throughout 2011.

It is a pleasure and an honor to be a part of the Street Teens family and I look forward to another successful year of doing what we do the best, helping those who need us the most.

Sincerely,
Lisa Preston, Executive Director

I began as a volunteer here at Street Teens last year when I found out about the drop-in center around the same time I was a volunteer at my church. Helping kids that were in the same position as I was almost 17yrs ago, I knew was my calling. Street Teens gives the kids a sense a place that they belong, that no matter where they are in life we can help them with their needs. Kids thank the staff for hot showers and at times just to listen to their sorrows in life. I notice that just those small things change the way the client see themselves and that makes me feel good about why we are here. I've learned we can't help every child off the street, but we can certainly help those who want it, to get on their feet and do what they need to do for something better in their life.

Renee

Street Teens Year in Review

2011 has been a very exciting year for Street Teens.

During the first quarter of 2011, we opened the doors of our new facility. Aristocrat Technologies came to paint the center in March. In April, we held an open house for all of our donors.

July 2011, marked the completion of our eighth year of being financially independent. Street Teens had a very successful year and we are looking forward to many more. We continue to develop many invaluable partnerships with community members that support our efforts in assisting children that have been thrown away, abandoned and/or abused by those closest to them.

October 2011 marked the ten year anniversary of the Street Teens Drop-in Center.

In December 2011, we held our annual Christmas party for our kids. There were smiles all around that evening. Thank you to all of the donors that made it possible.

me and always tell me to be safe and to make sure that I come back tomorrow. I also like that no one judges me but just helps me to be positive and try for a better future.
Thank you, Devon

Special Events for the Kids

Street Teens was able to provide the following special events and activities in 2011 for our clients:

- The Monthly Birthday Party
- Bingo Nights
- Valentines Day Party
- Street Teens Halloween Party
- Thanksgiving Dinner at Street Teens
- Teen Angel Christmas Party

A message from our volunteers

I first learned about Street Teens as a member of the MGM Resorts Employee Foundation. I have been here almost two years as a volunteer.

I think what I enjoy the most is the attitude of the kids. Unlike adults in a like situation who may become depressed by the situation and feel it is their "lot in life", our kids see it as a chapter in their lives and know that things will get better and that is shown when they come in and tell us about getting back into school or finding work or their first apartment.
Sincerely, Scott Rollman

Message from our teens . . .

I like coming to Street Teens because staff helps me apply for jobs, they eat dinner with

