

December, 2012 President's Note

December, 2012 marks my 12th year dedicating my volunteer time to Street Teens; currently serving as board President.

The purchase, renovation and move into our new building in January 2011, has proven to be a financially sound decision. Our mortgage payment is lower than previous rent and operating a building with new air conditioners, new furnace and low-E windows throughout has reduced our operating costs by over \$800 per month; a savings of \$9,600 annually. Homeless teens that come to us from all over the Las Vegas valley and beyond say "the house is so comfortable; it feels like home should feel".

As all sectors of our local economy continue to struggle, 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 my fellow Street Teens board members, volunteers, employees and donors throughout 2013, 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 2012 has come and gone so quickly. I am so very proud to say that 2012 marks the end of my tenth year of service to Street Teens. I look forward to 2013 and all of the changes and challenges that it will bring.

In 2012, we began our second year of 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 2012 some of which include: St. Jude's The Crossing, Living Grace Homes and the Huntridge Teen Dental clinic. With partners like these, there is no limit to what we can accomplish in 2013.

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 Kara Foundation, the MGM Voice Foundation, the CarMax 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 Lorna

Heaton for their dedication; it has been a pleasure working with all of you in 2012. 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 2013.

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've been with Street Teens for almost 2 years and the time has gone by so fast! I think it's due to being front and center, watching a lot of our clients achieve things they hadn't before. Some received jobs with our help, others were placed in stable homes/ programs for them and their children, and a couple have even received a GED. We have a strong foundation and it starts with Lisa, continues with our staff and volunteers. If it wasn't for all of them, I don't think our clients would be successful in life. I'm proud to continue to work here and see that we can help change lives, one client at a time.

Sincerely, Renee Cruz

Street Teens Year in Review

2012 has been a very exciting year for Street Teens.

January 2012 marked the one year anniversary at our new facility.

July 2012, marked the completion of our ninth 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 2012 marked the eleven year anniversary of the Street Teens Drop-in Center.

In December 2012, 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.

Special Events for the Kids

Street Teens was able to provide the following special events and activities in 2012 for our clients:

The Monthly Birthday Party
Rolling Skating Party
A night at Mystere

Bingo Nights
Valentines Day Party
Street Teens Halloween Party
Thanksgiving Dinner at Street Teens
Teen Angel Christmas Party

A message from our volunteers

Volunteering on a regular weekly basis has given me a dose of reality on the true condition of kids who are at risk and/or on the streets in Las Vegas. I sometimes feel helpless, sometimes even frustrated about their situations, but I believe just showing up is a help and am so glad I got involved with Street Teens!

Kelly Gresh

Message from our teens . . .

I have come to Street Teens to get a lot of help and support. Without Street Teens I wouldn't have most of the stuff I have now, I thank each and every one of the volunteers. They have always been a good support system for me.

Thank you, Chantel

