

December, 2005 President's Note

As I begin my 5th year dedicating my volunteer time to Street Teens, three years of which has been spent working at board level and two years as a drop-in center volunteer, I often reflect on how far this organization has come and the many achievements of the homeless and at-risk teens we serve in our drop-in center every single day of the year from 4:00 – 8:00 pm.

Our primary focus from a financial standpoint in 2006 will be our capital campaign. Street Teens hopes to purchase the facility and to expand on the building which will allow us to expand on our programs and services. Our vision includes the expansion of our classroom, where GED & High School classes are offered through Clark County Adult Education; to build a medical office where the teens can be treated for illnesses on site; to build a small indoor gymnasium for the kids to play in and to offer a comfortable space for our Cirque du Monde workshops provide through Cirque du Soleil, and to include office space for collaborative partners in the community to share resources and to prevent duplication of services.

In addition to our dedicated volunteers, I would like to express my gratitude to our Executive Director, Lisa Preston-Arnold, who will begin her 4th year with Street Teens in February, 2006. Our full-time Program Coordinator, Alicia Troiani, and drop-in center staff members, Herman Williams and Marcia Wiegand, along with our part-time street outreach staff member Ashley Ecker, have exhibited a level of dedication to our teens that

I believe to be unsurpassed in the non-profit world.

Our year ended with the addition of four new Board members, one of which is Rosario Mereaux, serving as Vice President. Rosario is the co-founder and wife of the late David Mereaux who founded Street Teens and opened our drop-in center in October, 2001.

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

Sincerely,
Patricia Johnston, President
Street Teens Board of Directors

Executive Director's Note

2005 marks the end of my third year of service with Street Teens, and what an incredible three years it has been. We have grown so much as an organization in a very short time and we have made significant differences in the lives of the youth that we serve.

We have developed many partnerships in 2005 some of which include: Clark County Adult Education, Planned Parenthood, The Las Vegas Outreach Team, US Homes, The MGM Voice Foundation, SIOR and The Tiger Woods Foundation. With partners like these there is no limit as to what we can accomplish in 2006.

To raise awareness of our services, we contracted with Outdoor Promotions, Inc. to post transit shelter signs at ten bus stop locations primarily on the east side of the

valley. Because of the number of teens and donors that have come to Street Teens after having seen our transit shelter signage, we will extend our contract into 2006.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alicia Troiani, our Program Coordinator, for her tireless efforts to meet the needs of our teens both day and night. Herb Williams and Marcia Weigand for their dedication; it has been a pleasure working with you both in 2005. Ashley Ecker, who has made incredible progress with regard to outreach with the help of the Las Vegas Outreach Team. I would also like to thank the Street Teens volunteers who dedicate their time each week to be at the center with our kids, we would not be able to do what we do without you. You inspire us all. Last, but not least, I would like to thank the Street Teens Board of Directors for their continued support throughout 2005.

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 best, helping those who need us the most.

Sincerely,

Lisa Preston
Executive Director

Program Coordinator's note

My name is Alicia Troiani and I am the Program Coordinator of Street Teens. Since my start date in July, I have seen not only a transformation of the center and the services we provide but a transformation in many of the young adults we serve.

In late July, we formed a wonderful relationship with the University of Phoenix students and faculty in the Las Vegas Valley. We have had over 20 interns participate and complete their field experience and practicum hours in our facility. It has been a learning experience for the youth as well as the students. Some of the students enjoyed the experience so much they have joined our volunteer team.

In September, classes for our G.E.D/High School diploma satellite office officially started. Several students are enrolled and three are ready for testing. Planned Parenthood of Southern Nevada also came to the center in September and continued teaching into early October. They offered a 3-session, interactive and educational presentation to our youth. Using the tools of teaching, Street Teens can empower young adults to make lifelong decisions of their own.

In early December, Channel 13 and Wells Fargo graciously held a food drive where proceeds were donated to Street Teens. All the donations quickly filled the empty space in our food pantry. Shortly thereafter, the University of Phoenix rose to the challenge and provided thousands of canned goods to also add to the food pantry! Thanks to all the giving individuals in the valley our food pantry is well stocked!

In closing the year, in late December, we successfully completed our Teen Angel Program. Due to the generosity of the community we were able to provide Christmas gifts to the teens that completed a wish list. We were also able to provide gift sets for those teens that didn't get the opportunity to complete a wish list. Christmas Eve was truly

a magical experience where the kids were able to share the holiday with their only family; Street Teens staff, volunteers and board members.

In 2006, Street Teens envisions getting the community involved by bringing more services and programs to the center. We anticipate bringing an art class in to help the youth better express themselves. Street Teens hopes to provide an interactive life skills class to teach the basic life skills many of the teens are lacking. Skills would include but not be limited to budgeting, hygiene, communication skills, job search and interview techniques. Bringing more activities and services to the center will enable the teens to continue on their path to self sufficiency. Looking forward to the New Year, I feel confident that Street Teens will provide the teens in our community a new outlook on life by giving them the tools to succeed. Give a man a fish, feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, feed him for a lifetime.

Sincerely,
Alicia Troiani
Program Coordinator, Street Teens

Street Teens Year in Review

2005 has been a very exciting year for Street Teens.

US Homes did several projects to improve the facility.

In April 2005, SIOR held a golf tournament to benefit Street Teens. Thank you to all of those involved who helped to make it a success.

July 2005, marked the completion of our second 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.

In September 2005, Street Teens & the University of Phoenix developed an invaluable partnership through their internship program.

Clark County Adult Education began classes at Street Teens in September. We have had several students enroll to date.

Special Events for Kids

Street Teens was able to provide the following special events and activities in 2005 for our clients:

- The Monthly Birthday Party
- Nights out at the Movies
- Barbeque at the Park
- Bingo
- Street Teens Halloween Party
- Thanksgiving Dinner at Street Teens
- Teen Angel Christmas Party

Volunteers

As an outreach organization, I have seen the people at Street Teens help teens turn their lives around. Street Teens is a much needed organization for our community.

Gloria Marshall, Street Teens Volunteer

Message from one of our teens . . .

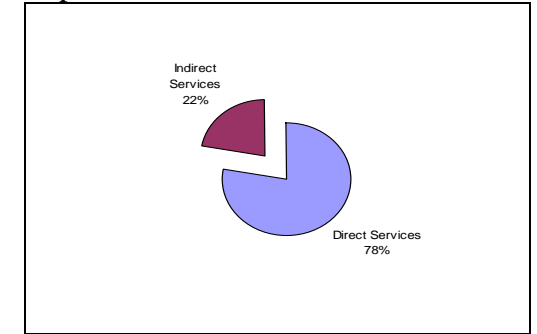
My name is LaShondra and Street Teens has helped me in so many ways. It has given me purpose to continue to achieve my goals and better my life. When I came to Street Teens, everyone showed me love and respect and told me that I have potential. Street Teens has given me bus passes to get me to and from work and school, food when I was hungry and advice to cheer me up when I was feeling down. I am grateful that there is a place like Street Teens!

Events held by community partners to benefit Street Teens

- SIOR Golf Tournament
- Star Dust Donation Drive
- University of Phoenix Food Drive
- Channel 13 & Wells Fargo Food Drive
- United Methodist Church-back pack drive

Financials

Expense



Income

