



"A non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to helping homeless and at-risk teens."

2006 Annual Report

www.streetteens.org

President's Note

As I complete my 6th year volunteering my time with Street Teens and begin my second term serving as President, I continue to marvel at the accomplishments of the homeless and at-risk teens we serve in our drop-in center. And, I know that continuing to do so would be impossible without the dedication of our employees, volunteers and the support and generosity of our community.

Our primary focus from a financial standpoint in 2007 will continue to be our capital campaign. Street Teens plans 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.

I would like to express my gratitude to our Executive Director, Lisa Preston-Arnold, who will begin her 5th year with Street Teens in February, 2007. Our Program Coordinator, Jennifer Conway, 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.

In 2006, the Board of Directors elected to establish an Honorary Board that I am thrilled to say includes the following members:

William M. Martin

Chairman, President & CEO
Nevada State Bank

Fabian Nunez

Speaker, California State Assembly

Bret Whipple

Chairman, Board of Regents
Attorney at Law, CPA

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

Message from our teens . . .

Street Teens got me off drugs, into an apartment and got me a job. I am still clean 6 years later due to my help at Street Teens. I still have a job, and am in the process of getting a car.

Angel

Street Teens has done a lot for me.

They've given me clothes when I needed them and also gave me special things on the holidays. If it weren't for Street Teens I wouldn't be able to watch movies or play one of my all time favorite video games "Madden2006."

Thank you,

Love Ben

P. O. Box 70478
Las Vegas, NV 89170-048

STREET TEENS

Mailing Address Label

Note From:

Executive Director

On October 1st, 2006 the Street Teens Drop-in center celebrated our five year anniversary. It is so amazing to look back five years and to see the progress that we have made as such a small organization. I am so very proud to say that 2006 marks the end of my fourth year of service to Street Teens. I look forward to 2007 and all of the changes and challenges that it will bring.

We have developed many new partnerships in 2006 some of which include: Whole Foods Market, The N.G.R.A, Wedding Professional of Las Vegas, S.N.A.P.I, and the Sin City Roller Girls. With partners like these there is no limit as to what we can accomplish in 2007.

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: S.I.O.R, Channel 13, Wells Fargo, Cirque du Soleil, The Kara Foundation, The MGM Mirage Voice Foundation, and the Los Prados Woman's Club. We would not be able to do the great work that we do unless we had your support.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jennifer Conway, our Program Coordinator, Herb Williams & Marcia Weigand for their dedication; it has been a pleasure working with all of you in 2006. 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 and interns who dedicate their time each week to be at the center with our kids, you in-

spire us all. Last but not least I would like to thank the Street Teens Board of Directors for their continued support throughout 2006.

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

Program Coordinator

My name is Jennifer Conway and I am the Program Coordinator for Street Teens. I started in September 2006 as an intern. I completed my required hours for the University of Phoenix and stayed on as Program Coordinator. Since my time here, I have had the pleasure of working with five interns from the University of Phoenix. It has been a learning experience for them as well as me.

Street Teens has on- site physician interns and I would like to see on- site counseling at the center. Life skills classes through Future Stars will be offered in the near future. Having a tutor come in during the week would be a great help for the teens that need extra help with school. My goal for this year is to update and have some maintenance done on the building. My experience with the teens that come through our door has been an enjoyable one.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Conway, Program Coordinator

Volunteer

Happiness is a personal experience that gets at the heart of who you are and what you love. I love volunteering at Street Teens. I love listening to our clients talk about themselves. I try to find out what their needs are. I welcome them and

hope they'll forget their troubles for just a while. Even in the most difficult of times, a laugh, or even a simple smile, can go a long way in helping a teen feel better about themselves. Thanks to all of the generous donations, we are able to give them the basic necessities such as food, clothing, and hygiene, etc. It warms my heart to see our clients leave the center with a bit of relief and lifted spirits.

Beaming smiles does not even come close to describing the faces of some of these kids when they leave the center at night. They are very thankful and it shows. It has taken a lot of time and people to make this program work. Founders David & Rosario Mereaux had a dream, and I am happy to be a part of it.

Amanda Brown

Street Teens Year in Review

The year 2006 has been a very exciting year for Street Teens.

In April 2006, SIOR held a golf tournament to benefit Street Teens. Thank you to all of those involved who helped to make it a success.

In May of 2006 marked the beginning of our Building Campaign. We are hoping to reach our goal to purchase the building in 2007.

July 2006, marked the completion of our third 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 2006 marked the five year anniversary of the Street Teens Drop-in Center

In December 2006, Channel 13 and Wells Fargo graciously held a food drive where a por-

tion of the proceeds were donated to Street Teens. Also in December was the annual Christmas party for our kids. There were smiles all around that evening. Thank you to all of the donors that made it possible.

The following special events and activities were held 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

Events held by community partners to benefit Street Teens in 2006

SIOR Golf Tournament

Circus Circus Donation Drive

In & Out Burger Donation Drive

Cirque du Soleil & Cirque Con Auction

Las Vegas Corvette Association Donation Drive

Run Away with Cirque du Soleil 5K Run

SNAPI & BOA Bingo

Channel 13 & Wells Fargo Food Drive

Metropolitan Community Church Donation Drive

Curves Donation Drive

Financials

