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BUSINESS LEADERS GIVE BACK TO THOSE WHO NEED MENTORING THE MOST

Homeless Teen Shelter Kicks off Mentor Program for Transitional Youth

Las Vegas, Nevada (Oct 29, 2009) – HELP of Southern Nevada announced today the launch of their mentoring program for selected residents who are living in their transitional youth shelter. The initial mentor program will run for 12 weeks. Mentors are paired up in teams and will devote 1 to 4 hours per week to their mentee supporting them in goal setting, life skills, career exploration and social skills.

Kelly Robson, youth center program director, said “We are so fortunate, Las Vegas has great individuals who are willing to give up their time and spend it with kids who really need the support from outside sources. The mentees are excited to participate giving them a positive goal to work towards.”

The mentees and mentors go through an application process to participate. The mentors go through FBI background checks and training. The next session will start early 2010 and applications are now being accepted. Applications are available online at www.helpsonv.org or for more information, please contact Kelly Robson at 702-385-3776 ext. 290 or krobson@helpsonv.org.

About HELP of Southern Nevada

HELP of Southern Nevada assists over 68,000 low-income families and individuals to become more self-sufficient through direct services, trainings and referrals. Programs available; social services, weatherization, community alternative sentencing, work opportunities readiness center, holiday assistance, Nevada 2-1-1 call center, and homeless and youth services. For more information, call HELP of Southern Nevada at 702-369-4357 or visit us at www.helpsonv.org

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