

## Las Vegas Family Church Shine City Project at Las Vegas Rescue Mission and Harrison House

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On July 10, 2021, Shine City Project returned to helping out at the Las Vegas Rescue Mission! For this Saturday afternoon, we had ten Shine City Project volunteers who helped pack meals for the homeless. Our volunteers assisted in placing chicken and rice, and chili fries in meal boxes, as well as some fruit and a cookie. The work was fast-paced, but we did what we could to put some care and love in the meal boxes! Afterwards, our group helped to wrap up cookies, as well as slice up mangos.

After the service project, Shine City Project made our way to Harrison House! During a time of segregation in the 1940s and 1950s, Harrison House was the place for popular African American entertainers in Las Vegas to stay after performing. Located in the Historic Westside, Harrison House is just a one-minute drive from the Las Vegas Rescue Mission. Our group met Katherine Duncan, the Founding President of the Ward 5 Chamber of Commerce, as well as the current owner and resident of Harrison House.

At Harrison House, our group enjoyed some delicious soul food consisting of fried chicken, collard greens, dirty rice, and mac and cheese! Our volunteers also had the opportunity to surprise our Shine City Project Director, Jeffrey Silerio, with cake for his birthday! After all the delicious treats, we received a tour of Harrison House, participated in discussions about racism, and met some friends of Harrison House! Overall, we had a good time at Harrison House, and we appreciate Aunt Katherine for welcoming us in!

