

Las Vegas Holy Community Shine City Project sorts plastic bottles with Clean the World

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For the first service project of 2024, Shine City Project volunteered with Clean the World! Clean the World is a global organization focused on preventing deaths caused by hygiene-related illnesses, as well as reducing the impact of pollution on our planet. Partnering with over 8,000 hotels and others in the hospitality industry, Clean the World collects discarded soap and bottled amenities that would normally go to the landfill. With the soap they collect, they are able to process and recycle the soap to create new soap bars.



These soap bars are then given to organizations that distribute them to people around the world to help improve hygiene and wellness. Additionally, with the plastic bottle amenities they collect, Clean the World sorts and shreds the plastic bottles to create new items. Since 2009, Clean the World has been able to divert over 25 million pounds of waste from the landfill and donate over 80 million bars of recycled soap. It has been close to eight years since Shine City Project last volunteered with Clean the World!

On January 6, 2024, our six Shine City Project volunteers helped to sort collected bottles into their different categories such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and lotion. At our workstation, there were

colored pipes that led to plastic bins underneath the station. We examined the bottles to determine what kind of product the plastic bottle once held, and then dropped them into their appropriate pipe. Once a plastic bin underneath was completely filled, we emptied the bottles from the bin into a larger container for future processing.



Overall, our volunteers enjoyed the service project, and we were able to quickly sort through many plastic bottles! It was interesting looking at the various plastic bottles, and then sending them into their colored tubes. It was great being back at Clean the World, and we hope to come back again soon!