

## Las Vegas Family Church: Shine City Project - I-215 West Beltway Trail

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On February 16, 2019, Shine City Project helped to pick up litter from the I-215 West Beltway Trail with Get Outdoors Nevada! Representing our group at the service project, we had three volunteers. One of our volunteers that came was a veteran of Shine City Project, Linh! Joining Shine City Project in January 2014, Linh had been a regular volunteer for our group for two full years. She had also previously served as an officer for our group. We were happy that Linh could come back and help out!

On Saturday morning, we walked south along the I-215 West Beltway Trail starting at Desert Inn Road. For a long time, it was difficult to locate litter along the trail because the trail was well-maintained and clean. We did a lot of walking in hopes of finding an area with an abundance of litter. Eventually, we were able to find what we were looking for! Walking from Desert Inn Road to Haulapai Way and back to our starting point, we walked a total of over three miles that morning!

Although there was only three volunteers in our Shine City Project group, we wanted to make an impression in the service project by sharing love and joy with the other volunteers that came to help out Get Outdoors Nevada. Multiple times, we tried to start some small conversations with the other volunteers, and we also gave some encouraging words. There were times during the service project when one person wasn't enough to complete a task, but it required the efforts of multiple people working together. Definitely, Shine City Project was there to lend a helping hand! Towards the end of the service project, there were some heavy bags that needed to be carried and walked for quite a distance to a final resting spot. Working in pairs to carry some of the heavier bags with other volunteers, we were able to bring the bags to their final destination!

Overall, it was a great service project! Even though our group of three volunteers was small, we were able to make an impression in the service project through our small acts of love and kindness for others! This experience shows that one person is never too small to make an impact!

