

Las Vegas Family Church Shine City Project at the Las Vegas Rescue Mission

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On July 17, 2021, Shine City Project continued to volunteer at the Las Vegas Rescue Mission! We had eight volunteers with one joining us for the first time! Our volunteers helped out with the community dinner service by refilling water pitchers, handing out cups and utensils, providing hot sauce, and other tasks.

Afterwards, our Shine City Project group had dinner at Harrison House! Harrison House was the place for popular black entertainers like Sammy Davis Jr., Nat King Cole, and Pearl Bailey to spend the night after performing in Las Vegas. During a time of segregation in the 1940s and 1950s, Genevieve Harrison opened her home and welcomed people of color as they couldn't stay in areas reserved only for whites. Harrison House was a lavish home at the time that could house the greats and those traveling to Las Vegas. In 1949, it was listed in the Negro Motorist Travelers' Guide.

Today, Harrison House is currently owned and managed by Katherine Duncan, the Founding President of the Ward 5 Chamber of Commerce. Our Shine City Project group met Aunt Katherine, and we enjoyed a delicious salad and spaghetti dinner! At the house, we also spent time discussing about topics such as the homeless population, the education system, and others. Overall, we appreciate the time that we could have at Harrison House, and we look forward to being there again!

