

## Las Vegas Family Church Shine City Project at Gilcrease Nature Sanctuary

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For much of November, Shine City Project has been working with organizations in Las Vegas that care for the welfare of animals. For this last week of the month, we helped out at Gilcrease Nature Sanctuary! Founded in 1979 by Bill Gilcrease, Gilcrease Nature Sanctuary is a place dedicated to providing a safe haven for animals in need. More than 500 animals make Gilcrease Nature Sanctuary their home, including parrots, chickens, goats, pigs, turkeys, and tortoises. Some of their more unique residents include a mule deer, an ostrich, emus, peacocks, and llamas!



On November 27, 2021, our Shine City Project volunteers arrived at Gilcrease Nature Sanctuary where we met Amanda, Operations Manager for Gilcrease Nature Sanctuary. Our task for the morning was to help clear out debris surrounding the pond at the sanctuary. The pond at Gilcrease Nature Sanctuary is where many ducks and geese make their home or come to visit. With rakes in hand, we cleared out leaves, branches, and animal droppings surrounding the pond. Afterwards, we shoveled this debris into wheelbarrows and took it away. We had eleven Shine City Project volunteers who came to help out, and we were able to quickly get the job done! One of our volunteers was joining us for the first time! With the time we had left, we were able to walk around and look at all the animals! Overall, we enjoyed our time at Gilcrease Nature Sanctuary!