

## HPHC Las Vegas Shine City Project cleans up at the Historic Westside

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On October 1, 2022, Shine City Project cleaned up at the Historic Westside! Joining our Aunt Katherine Duncan, our Shine City Project volunteers helped to pick up litter at a dirt lot near Harrison House. At first, our volunteers were reluctant in cleaning up the area as there were homeless people who have been and were currently staying in the area. There were several mounds of litter across the dirt lot and there were signs of possible human waste mixed into the piles. In some places, there were also foul odors that were being emitted. With gloves and grabbers for safety, we carefully picked through the litter and placed it into trash bags.



It was an unpleasant experience cleaning up the area, but as some volunteers were working hard and persevering in spite of the challenges, it motivated the rest of the group to keep going. Gradually, we started to pick up the pace, and we began to fill up bags one after the other. Although there were times that we wanted to stop and wrap up the service project early, we persisted until we got the job done. At the end of two hours, our seven volunteers collected 45 bags of trash, several mattresses, a couch, and several large furniture items! Three of our volunteers were joining us for the first time, and we were grateful that everyone could work together until the end! Although it was an unpleasant service project, seeing the transformation of the dirt lot made it a rewarding experience!