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## **Local Dignitaries Create New Foundation to Help Homeless Youth in Nevada**

Las Vegas - Homeless youth advocates, prominent business owners and city leaders have joined together to create the Homeless Youth Foundation (HYF), a nonprofit with a mission to raise money and provide grants to help improve the quality of life for homeless youth in Clark County.

Besides providing financial assistance, the HYF offers scholarships with the Steve Sisolak *Believe in You Scholarship*, for college tuition, trade school, and other education-related expenses. Commissioner Sisolak founded the scholarship program with a \$25,000 personal donation, and currently 10 former homeless youth who are enrolled in Nevada higher education institutions have received funding from the program.

“The cycle of abuse and homelessness can be broken,” said Henderson City Councilwoman and Homeless Youth Foundation Director Kathleen Boutin. “We may not be able to change what happened to these kids in the past, but we can change their future by giving them what they need to succeed today.”

“Through no fault of their own, these kids were handed some difficult challenges,” said Clark County Commissioner and homeless youth advocate Steve Sisolak. “We need to do everything we can to help these kids complete their education.”

The Homeless Youth Foundation was founded to establish an endowment that will ensure the longevity and future financial security of the Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth (NPHY) while also raising and distributing funds to other link-minded 501(c) 3 organizations who are committed to helping homeless youth from birth to twenty-one.

### **Homeless Youth Foundation Founding Trustees**

Henderson City Councilwoman Kathleen Boutin, former Nevada First Lady Sandy Miller, Assemblyman Marcus Conklin, Tim Herbst, Mark Fiorentino, and Jasen Cassady.

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