

Las Vegas Family Church: Shine City Project in Angel Park in Summerlin, NV

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On March 27, 2021, Shine City Project traveled to Summerlin to Angel Park for a service project with Get Outdoors Nevada! Get Outdoors Nevada is a non-profit organization dedicated to connecting people of all backgrounds and ages to Nevada's diverse outdoor places. With service projects every week, Get Outdoors Nevada encourages everyone to discover, experience, and connect to our state's public lands, urban trails, and community parks.

On this Saturday morning, our Shine City Project volunteers arrived at Angel Park where we would be helping to plant some new trees for the park, as well as helping to pick up litter in the area. After being greeted by staff of Get Outdoors Nevada, as well as Ward 2 Councilwoman, Victoria Seaman, our volunteers set off into the park to complete our tasks. For this service project, we had three total volunteers representing Shine City Project. Two of us helped with the tree planting while our third volunteer helped to clean up around the park.

For the tree planting, park staff had already placed trees inside holes prior to the start of the service project. With the heavy-duty work already completed, all that was left to do was to help shovel dirt in the remaining gaps around the trees, as well as placing a nice, thick layer of mulch on top of everything. After that, we needed to create and ensure that there was a basin around the tree in order to help water from the

irrigation line be easily collected and reach down to the tree's roots. Though these were simple tasks, still we did our best to execute them with our hard work and dedication!

At the end of the service project, with the combined efforts of all the staff and volunteers who were present, both within and outside Shine City Project, 17 trees were planted! Additionally, 84 pounds of trash was collected from the park. Though our Shine City Project group was small and we helped to complete only a small fraction of what was accomplished overall, still we hope that our efforts made a big difference! No matter the number of people, even just one person can make a big impact!

