

## Las Vegas Family Church Shine City Project at Legacy High School

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On November 23, 2019, Shine City Project helped to build a school garden with Green Our Planet! Green Our Planet is a nonprofit conservation organization that runs the largest STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) school garden programs in the United States. Launched locally in Las Vegas in 2013, the program's mission is to increase student academic performance in STEAM subjects as well as to help conserve and protect the environment through project-based STEAM education for students from preschool to high school. During the last six years, Green Our Planet has helped fund and build 176 school gardens in Southern Nevada.

Our Shine City Project volunteers met at Legacy High School where preparations for the service project were already underway. To help build the school garden, we had nine volunteers representing Shine City Project. Out of our nine volunteers, we had one volunteer joining us for the first time! Additionally, about a hundred other volunteers from other organizations, including a number of students from elementary to high school, had also come to help out.

As our main task, our group helped to shovel and wheelbarrow soil and mulch for the garden beds as well as gravel to surround the school garden. There was about 25 tons of gravel that needed to be move, but with our physical strength, we were able to get the job done! It was hard work, but with the help of all of the volunteers who were present we were able to complete the service project in just a couple hours—an hour and a half earlier than expected! Overall, our group had a good time, and we were happy to be able to help contribute to a garden which will help provide educational opportunities in the future!

