

Rotary



District 5300



BE THE INSPIRATION

Las Vegas Southwest Rotary

History of our involvement with this project and how the “Feed the Homeless” came about.

In 1984, Community Food Bank of Southern Nevada, now known as Three Square, asked Christ Church Episcopal if they would become a site to distribute non-perishable food in the 89104 zip code. Bonnie Polley became the guiding force behind the food pantry and in March of 2006, they incorporated a non-profit 501(c)(3) known as Epicenter on the Parkway at the food distribution vehicle. Their mission is simple; provide emergency food assistance to individuals and families in need. They purchased food through Three Square as an Agency Partner, and participated in their food recovery program for fresh produce.

Epicenter on the Parkway partnered with other agencies in the Las Vegas Valley to help individuals and families. Epicenter on the Parkway was also one of 17 host sites for Family Promise of Las Vegas, an organization that provides housing to homeless families. They also assisted Three Square by providing a site for the Meet Up and Eat Up program, providing meals to children 18 years and younger in low-income areas during the summer. They were also the site for Matthew’s Closet, a free clothing bank that serves the homeless and needy in Las Vegas. Although Epicenter no longer functions, every Wednesday night, with Amazing Grace Ministry, they provide a hot meal to any who arrive at the door. Amazing Grace Ministry also does Sunday services at Salvation Army.

I’m not sure when Southwest Rotary became involved, but I have pictures going back as far as 2004.

