

## **CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING** **...about CFIL**

The Center for Independent Living is a non-profit organization that specializes in the personal development of homeless teenagers. The agency has been serving homeless teens and disadvantage youth for over 13 years in Las Vegas.

Currently CFIL provides an array of services to homeless teens and disadvantaged youth through case management and independent living skills training.

Services provided include:

- Transitional Housing
- Emergency Shelter
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Counseling
- Education
- Life skills Training
- Community Service
- Vocational Training and Placement
- Financial Planning and Budgeting

CFIL receives funding from:

- State of Nevada, Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Clark County
- City of Las Vegas
- United Way of Southern Nevada
- Tiger Woods Foundation
- Nevada Community Foundation
- Local Banks
- MGM Mirage Voice Foundation
- Cirque du Soleil
- ...and many foundations and individuals who generously support CFIL

## **...about the Campus**

Each resident at CFIL lives in a dorm style apartment. The kitchen and recreational areas are shared by all of the residents. CFIL staffs the campus on a 24-hour basis and case workers are available to all of our residents. In 2004 our campus was completely remodeled. We added a commercial kitchen and complete laundry facility. Rooms are comfortably furnished and consist of two twin beds, living area and bathroom. Many individuals in the community adopt apartments and assist our youth in their decoration.

## **...about Adopt-a-Room**

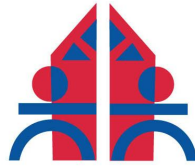
All too often housing facilities such as CFIL seem to present an institutional sameness. In order to avoid this and create 25 unique apartments in this newly renovated complex, the Board of Directors of CFIL are coordinating a service project that will consist of 25 organizations each “adopting” one of these units.

Each adopting organization will furnish and decorate one or more apartments. The following is a list of needs for each apartment:

- 2 twin beds and mattresses
- 2 small chests of drawers
- bedding – 2 twin-size comforters, 2 sheet sets, 2 pillows, 2 pillow cases, 2 hampers, 2 small nightstands, 2 bedside lamps
- living area – 1 small desk & 2 chairs, 1 desk lamp, 1 wastebasket, 1 window dressing
- bathrooms – shower curtain, shower caddy, rod & rings; bath rug, toilet covering, plunger, toilet brush with holder, 1 small wastebasket, toothbrush holder & soap dish
- decorations – pictures, posters, bulletin board & other accessories

At the end of the project each apartment will be marked with a brass plaque naming the apartment in honor of the organization that sponsored it. Publicity will be sought for the project as a whole and each organization will be welcome to pursue publicity on their own. There will be an open-house when the apartments are finished.

If you have any questions on the Adopt-a-Room project, please call 702-385-3776 and ask for Jennifer or Shannon. We would be happy to give you a tour of our campus and one of our dorm style apartments.



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## **Wish List**

### **Youth needs**

Hygiene products  
Interview clothing  
Shoes  
Undergarments, male & female (must be new)

### **Residential rooms**

Twin beds & mattresses  
Chest of drawers  
Bedding – twin size comforters, sheets & pillow cases, pillows  
Hampers (50)  
Bathrooms – Toilet brushes & plungers, (35), rug, toilet covering,  
wastebasket, shower curtain, rod & rings

### **Activities**

Gift Certificates for food and entertainment  
Entertainment Center (for rec room)  
    DVD player  
    VCR  
    Stereo  
Sporting goods with storage cabinet  
Ping pong table

### **Office needs**

Office Phone System  
Computers (4-6)  
Projector for Powerpoint presentation  
Outdoor storage shed  
Office supplies  
Commercial vacuums  
Carpet / Steamer cleaner  
Cleaning supplies with cart

### **Commercial kitchen needs**

Small appliances – blender, mixer, toaster, microwave  
Cooking Utensils – knife set w/ block, large mixing spoons, spatulas, whisk,  
    serving spoons  
Large food storage containers (i.e. Tupperware)  
Large mixing bowls & strainer