



2016 COMMUNITY
IMPACT ASSESSMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

About Opportunity Village

Opportunity Village is a not-for-profit organization serving children and adults in the southern Nevada community with intellectual disabilities (referred to herein as "OVIPs") to enhance their lives and the lives of the families who love them. Opportunity Village is dedicated to helping people become the very best they can be. Through vocational training, community employment, day services, advocacy, arts and social recreation, citizens with severe disabilities are able to find new friends, realize future career paths, seek independence and community integration and unleash creative passions. Opportunity Village has been serving southern Nevadans for more than 60 years.

Economic Impact Highlights

Employment:
3,188 Jobs



Impact on the Number of Jobs
within the Local Economy

Labor Income:
\$28.5 Million



Impact on Personal Incomes
for Local Residents

Economic Output:
\$88.3 Million



Impact of Total Spending
within the Local Economy

Meet Monica: Achieving Her Goals

Leading the Way in Enable



Monica is one of Opportunity Village's most beloved employees. Eleven years ago, she began her journey with Opportunity Village at the Thrift Store, sorting clothes and stocking shelves. However, with great effort and determination, she worked her way up to Activities Coordinator in the Enable Program.

Monica has become a key-staff member and caregiver, able to fall back on skills that she honed while caring for her nieces and nephews in California. Monica's ability to talk to people, both on verbal and non-verbal levels, made her a go-to staff for whenever new clients were admitted into the program.

Today, Monica still works at exceeding expectations. She has recently celebrated her 10 year anniversary in Enable, she is the Chairperson of the Buffalo Chapter of A Team NV, and also is the newest member of the Nevada Commission on Services for People with Disabilities. She continues to develop with Opportunity Village, and we look forward to seeing where her abilities take her!

Impacts in Summary

- Opportunity Village Has a Positive Economic Impact on Southern Nevada.** Opportunity Village directly employs 631 staff and 2,113 OVIPs (a total of 2,744 positions). Including the direct, indirect and induced impacts of the organization's operations, 3,188 jobs are supported throughout southern Nevada. Opportunity Village also generates direct wages and salary payments totaling more than \$18.3 million annually. Of this total, \$14.6 million is paid to staff and \$3.7 million is earned by OVIPs. When the multiplier effect of this spending is considered, the organization supports roughly \$28.5 million in wage and salary payments to southern Nevada workers. Finally, Opportunity Village also has a positive impact on overall business activity. It is estimated that for every \$100 dollars in direct economic activity, Opportunity Village generates an additional \$56 in economic activity in other sectors of the economy. The combined (i.e., direct, indirect and induced) annual economic impact of Opportunity Village is \$88.3 million annually.
- Opportunity Village Has Significant Societal Impacts.** Opportunity Village is a charitable, nonprofit organization that has touched the lives of tens of thousands of southern Nevadans living with severe intellectual disabilities during the past 60 years. It has brought the community together for a good and meaningful purpose and has made great strides toward not only reducing the stigma associated with intellectual disability but replacing it with a continuum of care, hope and community pride. Opportunity Village also provides a unique opportunity for those living with severe intellectual disabilities to attain marketable job skills, secure employment and increased independence and self-esteem. It is difficult, if not impossible, to put a value on this type of societal impact.
- Opportunity Village Reduces the Demand for Other State and Local Services.** In the past 3 years, client demand for Opportunity Village services has increased 33 percent. In the absence of providing services and opportunities to those living with severe intellectual disabilities, it is likely that state and local governments would realize increased costs for health care, homelessness, poverty and criminal justice. While difficult to measure total community benefits with any level of precision, it is reasonable to anticipate these costs would be measured in the tens of millions annually. The reduction in demand for services alone accounts for a \$37.4-million net subsidy for Nevadan taxpayers annually.



Meet Richard: How to Rock Paper Document Destruction Specialist

Richard made the move to Vegas many years ago, but still loves to tell his stories of growing up in the Big Apple. When Richard came into the Opportunity Village programs, staff quickly recognized him as a promising worker; while his quick wit, love for Elvis, and musical abilities distinguished him among his peers.

He enjoys to work, and shows great attention to detail. Because of this affinity, he was asked to join the Document Management crew; shredding, sorting, and scanning important papers and receipts from local businesses.

Richard still loves to play music, and hopes to bring his guitar with him on the road someday. His end goal is to buy a mansion with the stacks of money he makes. But for now, he is happy to work with OV and help out all his friends along the way.



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