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LVMPD PARTNERS WITH LOCAL CHARITIES TO HELP THE HOMELESS PHONE HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The best holiday gifts don't always come in a box. Sometimes a phone call from a loved one can change a person's life.

The "Phone Home for the Holiday" program is designed to reconnect homeless people with their loved ones during the holiday season.

This first annual event is a joint effort between several organizations including Family Promise of Las Vegas, Catholic Charities, Lutheran Social Services, and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. They will be working with homeless individuals to provide an opportunity for them to phone home for Christmas. It is our sincere hope that this joint partnership will assist many homeless individuals to connect with a relative or friend back home, and that this connection might result in their reunification as a family.

The event will take place Sunday, December 14, 2008 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm at the Catholic Charities, St. Vincent Lied Dining Facility. Catholic Charities is located at 1501 North Las Vegas Blvd.

We will provide free telephone service, a meal, and holiday gift bag for men, women, and children who are homeless in our community.

LVMPD's Assistant Sheriff Ted Moody will be volunteering at the event and be available for media interviews, as well as LVMPD's Homeless Liaison Annie Wilson.

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