



The Venetian Resort Hotel Casino Donates 4,500 Blankets to Help the Homeless

Las Vegas (April 21, 2005) – The Venetian donated 4,500 blankets to McReed Ministries this week to help some of the valley's homeless rest a little easier. Last December, the Venetian Foundation, a non-profit entity funded by the employees of the Venetian also provided 1000 sleeping bags to distribute to the less fortunate in our community.

McReed Ministries President Cynthia Reed said that the blankets will go to people forced to sleep on streets and sidewalks. Reed believes that our community faces a growing homeless population. Many of these homeless are not eligible for social services. Reed said, "This donation of blankets is incredible. It will make a huge difference for people who can't get social services. We work on donations only. If it weren't for the generosity of people and companies such as The Venetian, we couldn't help the hundreds of homeless living on the streets."

Early last winter, Venetian employees held a coat drive that brought in more than 500 coats for the less fortunate.

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