



NEVADA COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, if the more than 19,500 high school dropouts from the Class of 2008 had earned their diplomas instead of dropping out, Nevada's economy would have seen an additional \$5.1 billion in wages over these students' lifetimes. **That's money and resources that could have been used in support of your organization's mission.** A community ethic that values education is vital to the well-being and success of nonprofits. Here are ways that your organization can help.

- Join the Ready for Life Movement by contacting Nevada Public Education Foundation in Carson City at 775.687.9203 or in Las Vegas at 702.486.6492.
- Build awareness and knowledge in your organization by inviting a Ready for Life representative to speak to your organization about the importance of decreasing our dropout rate and graduating "ready for life" youth.
- Foster strategic partnerships and collaborations with schools and other youth-serving organizations.
- Increase exposure in your community by encouraging your staff and members to mentor at-risk youth, and get youth excited about joining your organization's cause by providing internships and work experience for students.
- Demonstrate community ties to your prospective supporters by sponsoring Ready for Life events and fundraising activities. In addition, contribute ad space in your internal newsletter to promote Ready for Life causes.
- Emphasize books and literacy by encouraging schools to include information which will broaden students' understanding of human life all over the world.
- Initiate programs in cooperation with the public schools to provide after-school and vacation help, enrichment and adopt-a-school programs.
- Praise the academic achievements of youth group members.

Adopt a long-term perspective! Your support of Ready for Life will help create a caring and philanthropic society. See [readyforlifenv.org](http://readyforlifenv.org) for statistics about the economic and social implications of this issue.