

Operation Embrace Food Donation Coordinator Grant

Today's date 11/1/10

Total amount grant is for \$12,000

How much has been spent and on what (We do not need detailed item by item account...broad categories suffice):

We have spent \$5500 for salary and benefits for the Food Coordinator (\$500 every two weeks).

Accomplishments and outcomes you have achieved. Tell us about your program using both quantifiable numbers and stories of persons assisted.

Since the inception of this year's Food Coordinator Program, the following eight new ongoing sources of food have been added to Operation Embrace:

1) Challenge Dairy: (Monthly)

- Provides Milk, Butter, Cheese, Yoqurt, and Ice Cream

- Most of these items are used for cooking Breakfast & Lunch

2) Seconds Please: (Bi-Weekly)

- Provides Left-Over Sunday Brunch Meats, Salads, Pastas, Rice, and Breakfast Foods (Bacon & Sausage)

- If the amounts are large enough, these foods are used to supplement breakfast & lunch. If not large enough, these sources may be given away to our daily (unpaid) homeless volunteers.

3) Rescue Mission (200 Burritos and Large Canned Goods): (2 Times Per Month)

- Used for lunches

- The canned goods are used to provide for families, from our Food Pantry

4) Channel Islands Farmer's Market: (3 Times Per Month)

- Provides fresh (Organic) vegetables & fruit
- These items are used for cooking and making salads

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5) Manna House: (Weekly)

- Provides Chipotle: (Precooked meats, beans, & Rice)
- These items are used to supplement lunches

6) Amgen Biotechnologies: (2 Times a Week)

- Provides a complete array of precooked foods, salads & sauces
- These items are used to supplement both breakfasts & lunches

7) Auntie Anne's Pretzels: (3 Times a Week)

- Pretzels that contain meat products are refrigerated and kept as donations for daily (unpaid) homeless volunteers
- The other (precooked) pretzels are put in containers, (with lids), and left on our donation table
- Our homeless utilize these items, as they wish. Our supply is plentiful

8) Starbucks (Seward & Harbor): (6 Times a Week)

- They provide pastries
- These items are consumed, with coffee, prior to breakfast

We provide for 4 basic groups of homeless:

- 1) People with mental deficiencies. Therefore, they cannot work
- 2) People with physical handicaps. Therefore, they cannot work
- 3) People with both of the above, sometimes mixed with substance abuse
- 4) People who have been severely affected by our economy and who have lost everything

There are simply too many examples of the amounts, and types, of individuals who have been helped by Operation Embrace, other than to state that 60 to 80 persons (a day) rely heavily on our resources. Many of our guests, through our program, are able to again become self sufficient and reenter the work force. We have been told, many times, they would not have been able to start over, without being able to heavily rely on our program. As a result some of our guests' conditions, there are also many who will simply need a place to obtain food, for many years to come. For some of them, this includes until natural death.

Problems encountered. What didn't go as planned? What would you do differently, etc?

Perhaps we can concentrate, a bit more, on resources for our food pantry. Moving forward, the food sources we apply for need to be more and more specific. We also need to expand our resources for donating overflow foods to other local programs.

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Future plans for this project and timeline of how remaining money will be used:

A) Our plan for this project is to continue to secure new food sources, until we literally have too much food for our guests. We will then continue to implement supplies to other local programs. We also want to expand our resources for our Food Pantry.

B) The remaining months of salary will be allocated to our Food Coordinatorto continue to implement all aspects of the above stated plan: (Maintaining Relationships, Prospecting, Pick-Ups, Allocation, and Delivery).

Anything else you want us to know?

We are an organization that is dedicated to helping our local homeless (our brothers and sisters). As a great nation it is our duty. With continued help and new found resources, we will continue to do our best to provide hope and inspiration to those who society has left behind.

God Bless,

Harbor Church

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