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Q1 Name of your organization.

All Faiths Food Bank

Q2 Grant #

20160711

Q3 Grant Period

December 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Q4 Location of your organization

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| City | Sarasota |
| State | Florida |

Q5 Name and Title of person completing evaluation.

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Page 2: Key Outcomes and Results

Q8 Total number of clients served through this grant funding:

3,238 children (estimated unduplicated)

Q9 Describe the project's key outcomes and results based on the goals and objectives. Use the following format: State the Goal: State Objective 1: Describe the Activities, Results and Outcomes for Objective 1: State Objective 2 (if applicable): Describe the Activities, Results and Outcomes for Objective 2: State Objective 3 (if applicable): Describe the Activities, Results and Outcomes for Objective 3:

The overall impact of the Backpack Program was to provide nutritious food for children to take home on Fridays so they have enough to eat over the weekend, ultimately aiming to reduce food insecurity among these low-income children. One hundred percent (100%) of the food has to be purchased to assure the quality, consistency and appropriateness for children. The funds from this grant were specifically used to purchase fruit cups to add to the Backpacks.

During this grant period:

- o 63,680 Backpacks (12/1/2016 - 5/31/2017)
 - o 3,238 children (estimated unduplicated)
 - o 39 schools
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Q10 Please describe any challenges/obstacles the organization encountered (if any) in attaining goals & objectives.

1. Currently there are 21,000 children receiving free and reduced lunch in Sarasota County, we are only reaching 15% (3,238) of those children with our Backpack Program.
 2. The cost of the backpack is higher because we do not have a large enough facility to buy in economies of scale, AFFB is currently in a facility expansion phase, upon completion there will be more warehouse space for storage.
 3. We base the progress of the Backpack Program on the number of children on the free and reduced lunch program. What we do not have is data on many children that are not school age yet are struggling with hunger.
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Q11 How did you overcome and/or address the challenges and obstacles?

1. We continue to work with the schools to ensure that students and parents are aware of the Backpack program. As the Food Bank does not have direct contact with the students, it is crucial to have a champion at the school to promote the program and help identify students. All Faith's will be testing new marketing methods in the 2017-18 school year to raise awareness of the program.
 2. AFFB is currently under a facility expansion, once the warehouse expansion is completed, there will be more space to store materials for the Backpack. All Faiths continues to apply for funding and seek individual donors to support the Backpack program.
 3. To help fill a void of Backpacks not accounting for non-school age children in the household, All Faiths Food Bank is currently implementing a total of 13 School Pantries. School Pantries allow for families to visit a Pantry at their school and bring home food for the whole family. In addition, during the summer months, Backpacks are available at partner sites for children of all ages regardless of being in school.
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Q12 Describe any unintended positive outcomes as a result of the efforts supported by this grant.

During the 2016-2017 academic year, All Faiths worked closely to gather input from children on the content on the BackPacks. It was evident that certain items in the BackPacks were not being consumed by children due to lack of interest or the steps involved to prepare the meals. A new menu was developed to address these limitations. The menu was created by our staff dietitian and then approved by the University of Florida Family and Consumer Sciences, and adheres to USDA Guidelines.

Q13 Briefly describe the impact this grant has had on the organization and community served.

According to Sarasota School District, more than 21,000 children – over half of the children enrolled in the schools - face food insecurity and need the free and reduced lunch program. For many of these children, this is the only meal they will receive that day. If we factored in the 'invisible children' - their younger siblings - the number of hungry kids is closer to 40,000.

All Faiths Food Bank Backpack Program provides food to children who are living in households that are food insecure. The criteria set-forth in regard to age include school-aged children between 5-18 years. The overall outcome of the program will be the reduction of food insecurity among children in the participating schools.

All Faiths is the only Food Bank in Sarasota and DeSoto Counties and no other organizations provide backpacks with the same consistency, magnitude and scope. Our backpacks provide meals and snacks for one child for two days, and different items are rotated on monthly basis. The menu was created by our staff dietitian and then approved by the University of Florida Family and Consumer Sciences, and adheres to USDA Guidelines.

During the 2016-2017 school year, 39 schools and an average of 3,200 students participated weekly. The total number of backpacks distributed during the school year was 97,554.

All Faiths Food Bank Backpack Program can help address the need with the children identified by the school guidance counselors as being at greatest risk – about 3,200 total. Backpacks go home with children every Friday during the school year and contain enough easy to prepare, kid-friendly food for 5 meals and snacks. Additional backpacks are provided over holidays and long weekends.

Page 3: Budget

Q14 Please provide a budget expenditure report of the approved line items. Include a brief narrative on how the funds were used to fulfill grant objectives.

The grant funds were used to purchase 485 cases of peach fruit cups to include in the bags of food provided to children through our Backpack Program. This translates into 23,820 fruit cups that were provided to school age children facing food insecurity. The corresponding receipts will be sent to the email address listed above.

Page 4: Success Stories

Q15 Please relate a success story:

Students have reported sharing their BackPack food with their siblings, they are excited about the contents in the BackPacks and enjoy sunflower seeds, fruit cups and cereal bars.

From a parent:

"I have two that bring home snacks and they are so excited to have those snacks. It's food I don't have to tell them to save for a specific meal. They know they can eat it whenever they want throughout the weekend and it makes them happy to share!"

From the children:

"When I bring home the food bag it helps my family eat."

"My grandmom always asks me on Friday did you bring your backpack today?"

"It helps my family because it makes them happy and we have more food."

Q16 Please relate a success story here:

Respondent skipped this question

Q17 Please relate a success story here:

Respondent skipped this question

Page 5: Organizational Information

Q18 Which category best describes the organization.
Please choose only one.

Basic Needs Support

Q19 What is the organization's primary program area of interest?

Food Bank

Q20 Percentage of clients served through grant in each ethnic group category. Total must equal 100%

Respondent skipped this question

Q21 Approximate percentage of clients served from grant funds in each age category.

Respondent skipped this question

Q22 Approximate percentage of clients served with disabilities from grant funds.

Respondent skipped this question

Q23 Approximate percentage of clients served in each economic group.

Respondent skipped this question

Q24 Approximate percentage of clients served from grant funds in each population category.

Respondent skipped this question
