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2018 S.L. Gimbel
Foundation Fund Holiday
Food Program Grant
Application

Internal Use Only:
Grant #: 20180955

Organization / Agency Information

<i>Organization/Agency Name:</i> Arkansas Foodbank		
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Program / Grant Information

<i>Program/Project Name:</i> Food For Kids			<i>Amount of Grant Requested:</i> \$15,000
<i>Total Organization Budget:</i> \$7,995,090	<i>Per 990, Percentage of Program Service Expenses (Column B/ Column A x 100):</i> 94.24%	<i>Per 990, Percentage of Management & General Expenses Only (Column C/ Column A x 100):</i> 2.71%	<i>Per 990, Percentage of Management & General Expenses and Fundraising (Column C+D / Column A x 100):</i> 5.75%
<i>Purpose of Grant Request (one sentence):</i> Arkansas Foodbank requests \$15,000 to purchase food for the Food For Kids program, which is designed to positively impact children who suffer from food insecurity and educational, physical, or emotional problems at school due to hunger at home.			
<i>Gimbel Holiday Grants Received: List Year(s) and Award Amount(s)</i> Arkansas Rice Depot received a 2015 Holiday Grant of \$10,000. Arkansas Foodbank merged with the Arkansas Rice Depot in 2016. This is the first time the merged organization has applied for a grant from the S.L. Gimbel Foundation.			

Signatures

<i>Board President / Chair: (Print name and Title)</i>	
<i>Maggie Young/Board President</i>	<i>Signature:</i> Maggie Young <i>Date:</i> 11.13.18
<i>Executive Director/President: (Print name and Title)</i>	
<i>Rhonda Sanders/CEO</i>	<i>Signature:</i> Rhonda Sanders <i>Date:</i> 11.13.18

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I. Organization/Agency Background:

Arkansas Foodbank (AF) is the foundation in the fight against hunger. We find pathways to connect people, resources and food to reach those in need, providing dignity, hope and a brighter future for all Arkansans. Our vision is a stronger community where hunger needs are met with sufficient access to nutritious food. United by a common goal to fight hunger in Arkansas, AF and Arkansas Rice Depot joined together in 2016 to better fulfill their shared mission of providing hungry Arkansans with more healthy and nutritious food. Mindful of our roots, the new organization recognizes the successful history and honors the legacy of both entities. Uniting the two organizations has created one that is stronger going forward and better able to serve those in need.

By the end of 2016, the newly merged organization distributed over 25 million pounds of food. In 2017, AF distributed over 26.5 million pounds of food. AF provides food to 450 local partners in our 33-county service area in central and southern Arkansas, serving approximately 280,000 Arkansans. Our core programs include Food For Kids (FFK), Food For Families, and Food For Seniors. AF currently has a staff of 59 employees comprised of 53 full-time and 6 part-time. In 2017, AF had over 11,000 volunteers who gave 33,000 hours of their time.

II. Project Information:

AF is exploring ways to create seamless access to nutritious food for food insecure children through our FFK program. One in four children face food insecurity in Arkansas, and in some of our rural counties, that rate is as high as one in three. Children need nutritious food to grow and thrive, and they need it every day. Unfortunately, over 77,000 children in central and southern Arkansas are food insecure. 16.4% of Arkansans live in poverty according to the U.S. Census Bureau. AF serves some of the most impoverished counties in Arkansas in both rural and urban areas. Many students in the areas we serve receive free and reduced breakfast and lunch at school. We seek ways to give children access to nutritious food when not in school through our school pantry, backpack, afterschool feeding, and summer feeding programs.

Our backpack program serves as a way for students to transport their food home and enables them to do so anonymously in non-descript backpacks, so they feel confident among their peers. AF delivers pre-made bags of kid-friendly foods for the weekend, then school counselors load these bags in kids' backpacks to send home depending on the need. FFK also serves children through our support of summer and afterschool feeding when children are not in school. School pantries are also seen as a key component in reducing child hunger. AF's school pantries provide easily accessible, convenient and consistent food distribution sites and are readily accessible sources of food assistance for low-income school children and their families.

AF works closely with a FFK coordinator at each school who, with the aid of faculty and a school nurse, identifies students in need who may benefit from the program. We deliver food on a monthly basis. At the conclusion of each school year, FFK coordinators submit a survey addressing how many students and siblings were served, how food was utilized, if students had long or short term needs, reasons for placement on the program, and if improvements were made in their health, social, and academics. We maintain detailed records of all foods purchased and donated for FFK and how those foods are distributed to schools and feeding sites. FFK utilizes outside data from sources like Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap, Department of Health's free and reduced lunch rates, Department of Labor and Department of Human Services. In 2017, FFK provided approximately 158,170 backpacks to 3,074 children. FFK summer feeding sites served 667 children, and our afterschool feeding sites served 3,934 children. Our school pantries served 2,073 households and 6,883 individuals.

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III. Project Budget

Please provide a detailed line-item budget for your project by completing the budget form below. **The maximum requested amount is \$15,000** or 25% of your operating budget, whichever is less. You can request for less than \$15,000. You may delineate your line items requests per examples below:

- 85% of total request for the purchase of food items only. (Ex. Total request of \$15,000; 85% is \$12,750 for food)
- 15% of total request for female hygiene products and/or diapers. (Ex. Total request of \$15,000; 15% is \$2,250 for diapers and female hygiene products)
- 100% of total request for the purchase of food items
- Canned tuna will not be funded.

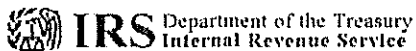
Food items must be delineated (i.e. canned vegetables, soup, pasta, dried beans, rice, etc.). For each food item, indicate the cost per unit (pound, carton, case, etc.) and the quantity. See attached example.

Line Item	Line Item Description	Requested Amount
<i>Micro Meals</i>	12/7.75oz/case, \$8.95 case, 825 cases	\$7,383.75
<i>Beanee Weenie</i>	12/7.75oz/case, \$9.25/case, 825 cases	\$7,631.25
TOTAL:		\$15,015 (\$15,000 requested)

IV. Administrative Expenses Percentage

This section calculates how much the organization spent for general management, overhead, indirect items as a percentage of the organization's total expenses. The figures are based on your most current 990 form that you submitted, Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses.

Management & general expenses (Column C only)	/Total expenses (Column A)	= Administrative Percentage
\$1,175,692	\$43,348,876	2.71%



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4301 W 65TH ST
LITTLE ROCK AR 72209-8507



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Person to Contact: Customer Service
Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your request of Feb. 19, 2016, regarding the tax-exempt status of ARKANSAS FOODBANK.

Our records indicate that a determination letter was issued in JULY 1984, granting this organization exemption from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Our records also indicate this organization is not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because it is described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors may deduct contributions to this organization as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to the organization or for its use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Please refer to our website www.irs.gov/eo for information regarding filing requirements. Specifically, section 6033(j) of the Code provides that failure to file an annual information return for three consecutive years results in revocation of tax-exempt status as of the filing due date of the third return for organizations required to file. We will publish a list of organizations whose tax-exempt status was revoked under section 6033(j) of the Code on our website beginning in early 2011.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown above.

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Sincerely yours,



Teri M. Johnson
Operations Manager, AM Ops. 3

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Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 . . .	263,208	263,208		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	240,699	8,011	216,666	16,022
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	2,504,088	1,631,301	425,448	447,339
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . .	66,250	45,426	7,680	13,144
9 Other employee benefits	246,645	139,438	66,852	40,355
10 Payroll taxes	207,013	122,308	49,310	35,395
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	18,500		18,500	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 .	526,500			526,500
f Investment management fees	62,414		62,414	
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.) . .	92,454	1,556	70,140	20,758
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	69,371	4,525	28,009	36,837
14 Information technology	121,958	17,223	62,397	42,338
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	227,416	193,304	18,193	15,919
17 Travel	227,871	222,550	3,325	1,996
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	86,948	28,107	41,823	17,018
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	458,275	439,027	10,082	9,166
23 Insurance	29,867	22,658	6,736	473
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a FREIGHT	148,930	148,930		
b FOOD/GROCERY PRODUCTS	37,179,081	37,179,081		
c CLUSTER HANDLING	21,253	21,253		
d OFFICE SUPPLIES	15,647	4,018	10,617	1,012
e All other expenses	534,488	362,868	77,500	94,120
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e .	43,348,876	40,854,792	1,175,692	1,318,392
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Arkansas Foodbank 2018 Budget

2018 Budget

FUND BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD \$ 400,000

REVENUES AND SUPPORT

Development 1,045,000

Donations *(Individuals, Organizations and Corporations)* 1,454,000

Direct Response Marketing

Restricted / Grants

 Foundations/Corporations 1,135,000

 Government 66,000

Special Events *(Individuals and Corporations)* 825,000

Check Out Hunger *(Individuals)* 25,000

Gift Shop *(Individuals and Corporations)* 100,000

United Way *(Individuals)* 60,000

Total Development 4,710,000

Program Services

Commodities 180,000

CACFP 125,000

Summer Feeding Program 60,000

Commodity Supplemental Food Program 60,091

Agency Membership Dues 24,000

Total Program Services 449,091

Operations

Miscellaneous - Operations 8,000

CSFP Rent 20,040

Handling Fees 905,000

Food Purchased Revenue 1,536,000

Cluster 14,000

Total Operations 2,483,040

Non-Departmental

Miscellaneous - Other 1,000

Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets 5,000

Total Non-Departmental 6,000

TOTAL REVENUES, SUPPORT & CARRY FORWARD 8,048,131

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EXPENSES

Project Expenses -

Cost of Food Distributed	1,380,000
Kids Cafe'	73,000
Summer Feeding Program	48,000
School Pantries	5,000
College Pantries	-
Food For Kids Purchases	268,000
Backpacks	17,000
Food 4 Seniors	5,000
Public Awareness	12,500
Newsletters / Educational Materials	7,200
Food Procurement	100,000
Cluster Handling Fees	28,000
Freight	160,000
Disaster Relief	-
Warehouse Supplies	90,000
Agency Food Credits	72,500
Agency Capacity Building	55,000
Total Project Expenses	2,321,200

Employee Related Expenses -

Payroll Taxes - SUIAR	8,943
Payroll Taxes - Medicare	40,648
Payroll Taxes - FICA	173,806
Salaries & Wages	2,803,320
Contract Labor	-
Gift Shop Labor Transfer	-
Payroll Service Fees	17,500
Employee Insurance - Workers Comp.	12,000
Employee Retirement	84,100
Employee Medical Insurance	184,647
Other Employee Benefits	8,515
Human Resources	10,695
Background Checks	2,000
Total Employee Related Expenses	3,346,174

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	<u>2018 Budget</u>
Building & Equipment Expenses -	
Electricity	140,000
Gas	9,500
Pest Control	6,000
Security System	1,800
Waste Disposal	20,000
Water	5,200
Facility Maintenance	95,000
Equipment Maintenance	72,720
Rent	38,000
Insurance - Facility, General Liability, Umbrella	25,700
Gift Shop Facility Cost Allocation	-
Total Building & Equipment Expenses	413,920
Transportation Expenses	
Vehicle Maintenance	45,000
Vehicle Fuel	85,000
Truck Rental	63,000
Insurance - Vehicle	30,000
Gift Shop Transportation Cost Allocation	-
Total Transportation Expenses	223,000
Fund Raising Expenses -	
Special Events	45,000
Direct Response Marketing	550,000
Check Out Hunger	-
Total Fund Raising Expenses	595,000
Support Expenses -	
Miscellaneous Expense	1,000
Volunteer Appreciations	9,050
Travel In State	150
Staff Training / Workshops	47,410
Dues - Feeding America	18,000
Dues - AHRA	34,464
Dues - Other	6,640
Consulting / Professional Fees	68,000
Legal Services	2,000
Insurance - D&O Liability	6,300
Insurance - Cyber	3,500

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Meeting Expenses	19,275
Audit / Tax Preparation	18,000
Bad Debt Expense	-
Credit Card Processing Fees	17,000
Bank Charges	(1,000)
Taxes, Licenses, Permits	4,105
In-Kind Services	-
Total Support Expenses	253,894
Office Expenses	
Copier / Fax	17,308
Postage / Meter	25,292
Telephone	16,140
Printing	9,250
Office Supplies / Equipment	16,204
Total Office Expenses	84,194
Technology Expenses	
Miscellaneous IT	12,500
Recurring Accounts	17,556
Hosted Services	97,702
Software Licensing	22,140
Software Support	7,250
Hardware	57,990
Hardware Support	15,050
Total Technology Expenses	230,188
Gift Shop	
Gift Shop Cost of Goods Sold	26,000
Gift Shop Labor	-
Gift Shop Facility Cost Allocation	-
Gift Shop Transportation Cost Allocation	-
Gift Shop Shipping	9,000
Gift Shop Marketing and Other	12,520
TOTAL GIFT SHOP ACTIVITY	47,520
TOTAL EXPENSES BEFORE DEPRECIATION	7,515,090
Depreciation	480,000

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2018 Budget

TOTAL EXPENSES 7,995,090

**INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS BEFORE
INVESTMENT ACTIVITY PLUS CARRY FORWARD** 53,041

Investment Activity

Endowment Interest & Dividends	600
Bank Interest Earned	1,200
CRUT Contributions	200,000
Investment Interest & Dividends	100,000
ACF - Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments	10,600
Gain/Loss on Investments	203,000
Unrealized Gain/Loss on CRUT	50,000
ACF Endowment Fees	(1,200)
Investment Fees	(50,000)
Investment Fees - CRUT	(13,000)
TOTAL INVESTMENT ACTIVITY	501,200

Capital Campaign

Capital Campaign Contributions	-
Capital Campaign Costs	-
TOTAL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY	-

INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS **\$ 154,241**

Capital Expenditures \$ 132,987

Estimated Donated Inventory Received 39,945,000

Estimated Donated Inventory Distributed 39,945,000

Estimated Donated Inventory Activity, Net \$ -

Operating Expense per Pounds Distributed **\$ 0.29**

Cash Impact

Cash Revenue

7,648,131


Cash Expenses

(7,515,090)

Capital Expenditures

(132,987)

Net Change to Cash Position**54**

 <p>The Community Foundation Serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties</p>	<p align="center">S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund Grant Evaluation Form</p>
<p align="center">Grant Period:</p>	

Organization: Arkansas Rice Depot / Arkansas Foodbank

Contact Name: Joseph Schafer

Title: Grants & Foundation Coordinator

Phone Number: 501 569 4347

Grant Period: 1/1/2016 to 6/30/2016

Award Amount: \$10,000

Grant Number:

- Describe the project's key outcomes and results based on your goals and objectives. Provide the number of clients served and other relevant statistics.

The key goal for our Food For Kids program is simple: to get food to hungry kids in the 33 counties we serve. We do this by working with over 150 schools, Boys & Girls Clubs, churches, civic organizations, and other agencies that participate in our Backpack Program, school-based pantries, summer meal program, and after-school snacks and meal program.

This grant supported purchasing food for the Backpack Program during the 2015-2016 school year, which provided food for over 4,000 backpacks EACH WEEK. By purchasing through a few special one-time offers from food brokers, we were able to buy over 50% more food than we originally thought would be possible with this grant (10,000 additional units). We purchased 826 cases of fruit cups for a total of 19,824 units at \$0.34/unit and 300 cases of pop-top Sketti Os for a total of 7,200 units at \$0.5296/unit.

This food was combined with other items and distributed to our schools that participate in the Backpack program. For example, one of the menus that we sent this year that included the food items purchased with this funding was:

- ❖ Oatmeal
- ❖ Cereal
- ❖ Chili w/Beans
- ❖ Sketti O's
- ❖ Fruit cup
- ❖ Applesauce cup
- ❖ Cup O Soup (chicken or beef)
- ❖ GoBonzos (roasted garbonzo beans)
- ❖ Cheese crackers
- ❖ Granola bar

- What were the challenges and obstacles you encountered (if any) in attaining your goals & objectives? How did you overcome and/or address the challenges and obstacles? What were the lessons learned?

One of the biggest challenges we always face is not having enough funding to serve all the children we know are in need, which is obviously a professional challenge but is also personally heartbreaking. It is so

difficult to explain to a school counselor, a principal, or a parent that we are just not able to serve their school or their child.

There are almost 90,000 kids in the area we serve, and this year we realized that we need to be even more intentional about where we serve so that we are able to help the most number of kids in need with the resources we have. So we recently made a change to better guide how we choose what schools we are able to serve through the Backpack and other Food For Kids program. We now use a system that helps us identify the areas that have the most kids in need through a combination of indicators such as Free & Reduced Lunch eligibility rates, area poverty rates, other available feeding programs, etc.

It is still extremely difficult, but using this system gives us a framework to use when making the difficult choices of where we are able to serve. It also reminds us to be very intentional about identifying locations for our programs that will truly help us reach the most kids possible in the most efficient way possible.

Another challenge we have faced is the growing need to change from the traditional backpack model of sending kids home with single-serve items. We know that a home with one hungry kid is unfortunately a home with a hungry family. We consistently hear from our schools that a backpack meant to serve one kid is being shared among siblings and often an entire family. Ironically, the easy-open, kid-friendly food that is in backpacks often costs just pennies less than full-size items.

This fall, we will begin purchasing and sending home a limited number of full-size items in backpacks so that kids don't have to share their smaller items. If this project is successful, it will likely be something that we continue so that we are more fully addressing the issue of family hunger in a more economical manner.

- Describe any unintended positive outcomes as a result of the efforts supported by this grant.

The biggest positive was being able to purchase more food than we thought. Every once in a while, food brokers have special short-term offers or sales on food items that we use in the Backpack Program, and having the money available to take advantage of those offers is enormously important. If we had to pass up an offer because we didn't have the funding, we would not have gotten as much food for the money we spent.

Having more food means a few things -- that we are able to serve more kids and that we are able to send more food home with the kids we serve. For instance, this past school year -- for the first time -- we were able to purchase extra food to send home over both the winter break and spring break.

The bottom line is that we were able to send more food home with kids because we had the money to take advantage of these offers, and it doesn't get much more positive than that!

- Describe the overall effect this grant has had on your organization.

This grant has helped us maintain continuity of service in the Food For Kids Program by providing a continuous supply of food to schools participating in the Backpack Program. By maintaining service to these community partners, the Arkansas Foodbank is seen as a reliable agent in the work to address child hunger in Arkansas.

We also know that where there are hungry children, there are hungry families. Having such a well-known and solid Backpack Program helps us build trust and form relationships in communities so that we are able to look at other services we might be able to provide, whether that means pantries, soup kitchens, SNAP outreach, or other services.

- Tell us a few success stories that made an impact on your organization and/or community as a result of this grant.

The best stories we can tell are those that come directly from our Food For Kids BackPack School Coordinators – the counselors, school nurses, teachers, and others who are on the front lines of alleviating childhood hunger every day. Below are just a few of the comments and stories we received from our BackPack schools on our End-Of-Year survey in May and June.

- ❖ The FFK program has definitely made an impact on many of my student's lives. I could go on and on but I will give a story about one of my students. Jeff would come to school always sleepy, not in a good mood. I often watched him. He would just stare at me when I'm preparing breakfast for the morning. That always raised a flag. He would often come ask for seconds. When we finally got the opportunity to be a part of the FFK program, I made sure he was on my list. We immediately began to pass out backpacks. His face would light up knowing the fact he was going home with food faithfully every weekend. Long story short. Jeff's grades improved along with his appearance. So I would like to personally thank you guys for this opportunity to making [our school's] children smile.
- ❖ Caitlyn is a 5th grader at our school. She has other younger siblings and an older brother as well. Caitlyn lives with her mother which is a single mother. Since there is only one income it is hard for her mother to supply all the needs for them which unfortunately cuts back on food. When Caitlyn told her teacher that her mother was unable to provide them with food and was unsure if they would have anything to eat when they went home, it just broke my heart. By having the backpack program I was able to send home food for her to eat. The Backpack program helped her to feel more confident by not being hungry or worrying about being hungry and she could concentrate on her school work. The back pack program is wonderful and for this I am forever grateful.
- ❖ One of my students would come and get food each week - one day he told me how much he and his younger brothers and sisters appreciated the food. The other siblings didn't go to school yet - all of them were sharing what we were providing for one. We were able to give him more food to share with his younger siblings. He was very grateful for the food for himself and siblings.
- ❖ This program is a tremendous help to our students. Just this year I have seen students experience divorce, deaths, job layoffs, and parents being sent to prisons. They always tell us how much the extra food helps their families. Parents have thanked us and told how it has helped. One teacher made a home visit at Christmas to one of her students and noticed how empty their cabinets and refrigerator was. Their father had walked out on the family and there was no food. We managed to send home extra food with that student for a few weeks until mom could get a job. If you could just see how thankful and grateful the students are each week you would understand how helpful these backpacks of food are. Thank you for helping our students.
- ❖ One family that particularly touches my heart is Hunter and Olivia, who were adopted by their elderly grandparents after being abandoned by their parents. Since then, their

grandmother has passed away, and the grandfather is in poor health. Although he adores the children, he is often not able to care for them adequately, and they live in squalid conditions. They are so happy to get their food bags and always express their gratitude. Cody and Jacob are brothers who also live with elderly grandparents. I first learned of them last summer when they called a school counselor asking for help. They live several miles out of town and had no transportation. They are older students, and I really worried about getting their food to them without embarrassing them. However, their counselors set up an arrangement so that they could pick up their food each afternoon from the counselor's offices without even having to see or speak to anyone. I was so glad that they were able to participate since they were pre-teen and teenaged, and were obviously in growth spurts.

- Provide a financial report on the use of your grant funds (expenditures).

ITEM PURCHASED	TOTAL UNITS	COST	TOTAL COST
Cherry Mixed Fruit Cups	12,384	\$8.16/case (\$0.34/unit)	\$4,210.56
Mixed Fruit Cups	4,392	\$8.16/case (\$0.34/unit)	\$1,493.28
Mandarin Orange Cups	3,048	\$8.16/case (\$0.34/unit)	\$1,036.32
Sketti O's	7,200	\$12.71/case (\$0.5296/unit)	\$3,813.00
TOTAL:	27,024		\$10,553.16

- ❖ Please send copies of publicity and other promotional materials, if available.

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