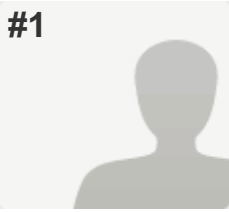


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<b>Q1: Name of your organization.</b>	Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida
<b>Q2: Grant #</b>	20130468
<b>Q3: Grant Period</b>	August 1, 2013 to July 31, 2014
<b>Q4: Location of your organization</b>	
City	Orlando
State	Florida
<b>Q5: Name and Title of person completing evaluation.</b>	Kim Collier, Director of Grants Administration
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## PAGE 2: Key Outcomes and Results

<b>Q8: Total number of clients served through this grant funding:</b>	150
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**Q9: Describe the project's key outcomes and results based on the goals and objectives:**

Women and children benefited from resident services (e.g., distribution of essential items, assistance with daily needs, assistance with life skills development), which addressed their immediate needs. Women also benefited from case management and as needed benefited from continued education; skilled job training; employment assistance; mental health counseling; medical care; substance abuse recovery services; further life skills development assistance; money management assistance; legal assistance; victims' support groups; housing placement assistance; and childcare. Children benefited as needed from early childhood education; tutoring; counseling; victims' support groups; medical care; and enrichment and esteem-building opportunities.

150 women and children benefited from services that addressed their immediate needs such as the provision of shelter, nutritious meals and essential items (e.g., hygiene items). Of women meeting baseline eligibility who exited the program:

- 84% (64/76) had obtained employment and/or another source of income.
- 100% (64/64) with income had developed and utilized a budget.
- 83% (53/64) with income had saved money.

In addition, 81% (56/69) of clients who shared their destination information at time of exit moved to community housing.

**Q10: Please describe any challenges/obstacles the organization encountered (if any) in attaining goals & objectives.**

The Coalition encountered no challenges/obstacles in achieving the stated goals and objectives.

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**Q11: How did you overcome and/or address the challenges and obstacles?**

N/A

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**Q12: Describe any unintended positive outcomes as a result of the efforts supported by this grant.**

One unintended positive outcome of the efforts supported by this grant was two highly diverse women becoming lifelong friends. While women often bond with each other because of their shared experience of homelessness and their need for the support of others, these friendships tend to be situational. Once women (and children) leave, these friendships are not lasting. Two women, however, truly bonded as friends. They came from different cultures, different upbringings, and different life experiences. They shared a close bond while at the Women's Residential and Counseling Center – closer than the kinds of bonds typically seen. When they left the WRCC, they moved into an apartment together, looking forward to continuing their life journeys together.

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

Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida would like to extend our sincere thanks to the S.L. Gimbel Foundation for its generous support of the Women's Residential and Counseling Center. Foundation funding helped the Coalition further fulfill our mission of transforming the lives of men, women and children by providing crucial services to end their crisis of homelessness. The foundation's partial support of the Case Manager and Resident Coordinator supported two critical positions, ensuring we could continue to address the immediate and long-term needs of homeless women and children. Addressing needs such as food, shelter, distribution of essential items as well the need for our clients to become personally and financially secure were critical if they were to become self-sufficient.

The services provided through the Women's Residential and Counseling Center helped make a life-changing difference each day. With the WRCC, the Coalition met women's and children's most basic need for safe shelter, nutritious meals and assistance with resident services (e.g., distribution of essential items, providing assistance with daily needs, assisting with life skills development). Yet, the transitional housing program offered more than addressing their basic needs through resident services. The WRCC case management programs made available services (e.g., assistance with education, employment and budgeting/savings) that helped our neighbors in dire need obtain both personal and financial stability. This newfound stability helped them overcome adversity and become more self-sufficient, improving their quality of life both today and tomorrow. Upon leaving the WRCC, they returned to the community ready to be independent, productive, and contributing community members.

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**PAGE 3: Budget**

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**Q14: Please provide a brief narrative on how the funds were used to fulfill grant objectives.**

Financial support from the S.L. Gimbel Foundation provided partial support (salaries, taxes, benefits) for one Case Manager and one Resident Coordinator assisting women and children who were victims of crime. Itemized financials along with publicity documentation will be mailed to [grant-info@thecommunityfoundation.net](mailto:grant-info@thecommunityfoundation.net).

These staff members are a vital to addressing the immediate and long-term needs of homeless women and children so that they may attain the personal and financial stability needed to attain self-sufficiency.

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**PAGE 4: Success Stories**

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**Q15: Please relate a success story:**

Melissa arrived at the WRCC from a substance abuse treatment program. Because of her history with addiction and a period of incarceration following physically defending herself against an abusive husband, Melissa had lost custody of her son. In terms of personal stability, she had many issues to address – maintaining sobriety, overcoming the trauma of domestic violence, esteem issues, newly diagnosed mental health issues, and the need to regain custody of her son. In terms of financial stability, Melissa was working in a bar – something where she earned little (and where her strength to stay sober was tested).

Coalition staff at first met weekly with Melissa, helping her identify her barriers to self-sufficiency and develop an Individual Program Plan. Staff also referred her to Lakeside Behavioral Healthcare where Melissa received much needed counseling. She was referred for vocational rehabilitation. Staff provided guidance and support as Melissa went through the process of regaining custody of her son. She participated in weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meetings as well as weekly victims support groups.

Melissa ultimately demonstrated her ability to be a fit parent and regained custody of her son. She obtained a job with a steady income while pursuing certification as a CNA. Melissa is continuing her education by studying to become a phlebotomist. Her case manager helped her learn how to manage her finances and developed strategies for reducing debt. Melissa transitioned to self-sufficiency with more than \$1,500 in savings.

**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.**

Shelter

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

Homeless

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

African American	59
Asian/Pacific Islander	0
Caucasian	17
Native American	1
Hispanic Latino	23
All Ethnicities	100

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

Children Birth-05 years of age	17
Children ages 06-12 years of age	16
Youth ages 13-18	4
Young Adults (18-24)	9
Adults	52
Senior Citizens	2

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

Physically Disabled	1
Mentally/Emotionally Disabled	1

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**Q23: Approximate percentage of clients served in each economic group.**

At/Below Poverty Level	100
Homeless/Indigent	100

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

Single Adults	43
Families	57
Single Parent Families	57
Disabled	2
Ethnic Minority	82
Abused Women/Children	100
Homeless/Indigent	100
Elderly	2

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