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Q1: Name of your organization.	Habitat for Humanity of Orange County
Q2: Grant #	20140733
Q3: Grant Period	November 1, 2014 - October 31, 2015
Q4: Location of your organization	
City	Santa Ana
State	CA
Q5: Name and Title of person completing evaluation.	Patricia Walker
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PAGE 2: Key Outcomes and Results

Q8: Total number of clients served through this grant funding:	approx. 10 adults, 12-18 children, and 1,500 volunteers
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Q9: Describe the project's key outcomes and results based on the goals and objectives:

That Habitat home in Cypress will provide a strong foundation for a long-term change in the lives of Habitat program families and their communities as these outcomes are achieved.

1. Five families will make a successful transition from substandard housing to an affordable, permanent home. Habitat OC's eligibility criteria will be considered in the selection of families to occupy the homes. A volunteer family mentor will act as a liaison between the family and the affiliate during the construction process and the first year of home ownership.
2. Five families will achieve economic stability through an affordable mortgage that does not exceed 30 percent of family income.
3. Each family will complete the mandatory Home ownership Education classes, education resources that ensure a smooth transition to home ownership and long-term success as a new Habitat homeowner. The classes offer a wide range of topics including several that focus on financial literacy, home repair & maintenance, energy conservation, homeowners association, conflict resolution, parenting, and college readiness.
4. Hundreds of volunteers will have the opportunity to make tangible, meaningful contributions to their community. Habitat OC solicits and manages thousands of volunteers annually, including individuals as well as those from business and faith communities. Volunteer contributions add significant value in nearly every facet of the organization.

These outcomes are evident at the Dedication Event at which families receive the keys and mortgage to their new Habitat home. They must complete the Homeowner Education classes and 250 hours per adult of "sweat equity" before they can move in. Completion of these requirements is verified through sign-in sheets collected by Habitat's Family Services Department. Volunteer contributions are verified through sign-in sheets monitored by the Volunteer Services Department. Proper completion of all aspects of home construction is verified by final city inspections to ensure that all work is done according to accepted building codes.

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

The Cypress II Development experienced some serious challenges. We had received a \$2.2 million estate gift. With additional funding from other donors, this allowed Habitat OC to be the Cypress II Development meeting the Board of Directors requirement that at least half of the funds must be raised prior to the start of construction. Unfortunately, when the donor passed away, the family was unwilling to honor his bequest and this very important funding was lost. Raising replacement funds for such a large amount took time, delaying the start of construction. In addition, Habitat OC was required to complete the infrastructure for all 15 homes at the beginning of construction which required a significant outlay of cash. These challenges made the framing day in October 2013 even more special as families were able to see the first walls raised. As we near completion of the final phase, the excitement is growing among the families who will purchase these homes with an affordable mortgage.

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

The Cypress II Development is comprised on three phases of five homes each. The homes are two-story townhome style with attached two-car garage and a motor court separating phases 1 and 2. Phase 1 was completed in mid-December of 2014. This development contains homes for families whose income is designated as very low, low, and moderate. In Phase I, two homes are designated as very low and three as low income. Phase II was completed in mid-April of 2015. In Phase II, three homes are designated a very low and two as low income. Phase III is slated for completion in earl 2016.

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

Habitat OC is very intentional about having adults each contribute 250 hours of "sweat equity" in the construction and completion of their own and other Habitat homes. This strategy allows families to make a meaningful contribution to their home even before they move in and gives them a sense of pride and accomplishment. We are also intentional in equipping program families with life skills in financial literacy, repairs and maintenance, helping their children aspire to and prepare for college, and many other subjects through the Homeowners Education classes. These are some of the unexpected outcomes. What we do is even more meaningful when a family is so dedicated to the process that they complete their "sweat equity" hours ahead of schedule, become vocal advocates for the Habitat program, and agree to speak in front of groups of corporate leaders and donors.

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

Habitat OC is very appreciative of donors like the SL Gimbel Foundation that are willing to provide support for the final phase of the Cypress II Development, particularly encouraging after the loss of the large estate gift. Construction delays mean that families are forced to live in substandard housing for even longer. Your foundation's support enabled us to move forward with construction of these homes, but more importantly, it brought each family's dream of home ownership closer and the security and stability of a permanent, affordable home.

PAGE 3: Budget

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

Home prices are on the rise, making it difficult for low and moderate income families to save for a traditional mortgage. Rental rates are now the most expensive since 2009; unfortunately, high prices don't guarantee adequate living conditions or the security and stability of home ownership. In Orange County more than 130,000 people are living in overcrowded, dangerous, unhealthy housing because that's all they can afford.

The granted funds will serve low and moderate income families selected to purchase the final 5 homes in Cypress II, housing approximately 10 adults and 12-18 children. Habitat OC is unique in that it is the only non-profit in Orange County that provides low and moderate income families with the opportunity to purchase an affordable home, offering "a hand up, not a hand out." This allows families to gain the security and long-term stability that is absent with rental housing.

PAGE 4: Success Stories

Q15: Please relate a success story:

Ebru Awade and her children were living in a two bedroom apartment in Cypress where she paid more than 50% of her income on rent alone. Ebru is the breadwinner and the sole caretaker of her children; they have no family or friends in this country to provide help. Despite having come to this country with no support and everything they owned in a few suitcases, Ebru managed to establish themselves in the Cypress community while putting herself through college and working full time at a stable job. Ebru graduated with honors in 2014 and her children are falling suit. Ebru's oldest son is attending Cypress College which shares a wall with Habitat OC's Cypress Site and he is getting straight A's. All her children are getting A's and B's in school

Ebru found out about the Habitat OC program when she and her sons volunteered on the first five Cypress homes with her church group. She was in disbelief when she found out that she could apply to purchase one of the homes in the second phase.

After seeing the joy volunteering on the construction site brought her sons, Ebru knew this was the perfect program for her and her family to one day attain the American Dream of owning a home. After years of hard work and determination, Ebru and her children can now say they have achieved that dream. Ebru recently spoke and shared her story with donors and board members at Habitat OC's annual Donor Appreciation Reception, where her passion and energy radiated as she influenced the whole room with her strength and inspirational journey to being a Habitat homeowner.

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

S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund

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

Other (please specify)
Human Services/Community Development

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

Health & Human Services

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
