

S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund Grant Evaluation Form Holiday Grant

Jan. 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013

Evaluation Due Date: July 15, 2013

Organization: Alegna Community Development Corporation

Contact Name: Angela M. Anderson	Title:	Executive Director		
Phone Number: 251-454-9212	Grant Period:	Jan., 2013 – June 30,2013		
Award Amount: \$9,775.00	Grant Number:	2012985		

• 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 outcomes and results based on our goals for this grant was to serve 500 – 550 people which is approximately 225 families over the grant period. This represented 43% adults, 38% children, and 19% teens. In just six months, we assisted these families, many of whom continue to cope with the lingering effects of poor economic conditions. The results were clear that individuals and families were delighted to receive this assistance during the latter part of the holiday season since it was a time when people began to move beyond the immediate season. Fresh produce, frozen meat, eggs and bread in addition to staple canned and boxed food items. We distributed over 40,000 pounds of food which on average represented more than 60 pounds per person.

• 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?

There were few challenges logistically, since we have performed this type of distribution many times before. However, the one key obstacle that always appeared in the discussions with the families is the need for more reliable transportation. It takes up so much of their fixed incomes that it is difficult to keep adequate food and medicines available. We were able to invite another collaborative community partner, Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy, to the distribution and enroll and secure low cost prescription drugs for those that qualified as they picked up their food.

As we did in 2011/2012, we partnered with local faith based institutions to utilize their collective abilities to provide transportation services to those most underserved populations in the area. We learned the lesson last year that the coordination and assistance provided from other agencies is without a doubt a plus factor when distributing food, this time the lesson learned is that those service agencies need to provide better collaboration among themselves in order to serve the most underserved in our communities.

• Describe any unintended positive outcomes as a result of the efforts supported by this grant. The most positive outcome that we have identified as a result of this grant in 2013 is that food recipients will now have a way to get assistance on their medicines that will not take most of their funds for food and other utilities, especially at a time when more people than normal would go unnoticed.

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

Without this grant we would not have reached out to the community to support an already tough environment in the small grant allowed our organization to continue to demonstrate the compassion what we have for the people in need and to keep us able to operate an effective Holiday Food distribution program. Our volunteers remain committed to this work.

• A Few Success Stories:

One recipient stated, "I am so grateful that you called to remind me that the food distribution is tomorrow. I have been sitting in my chair just crying and praying. We don't have enough food to eat. I was just praying and you called and said that you will be delivering fresh fruits, vegetables and meats tomorrow." She began to cry, when we delivered the food she informed us that her husband was eating an onion sandwich and she immediately grabbed a banana from the box to eat before we left their home.

One family has 6 members in the household, including two seniors over 70 years of age. The Father lost his job and the wife consequently had to move home with their parents. The elderly father lost his income due to retirement program that fell through as a retiree of a local city here that has filed for bankruptcy. The family is living on \$1000 a month to pay all household utilities. They were denied food stamp assistance and send 3 children to public school. The grand mother has several medical problems and has been seeing the same family doctor for 20 years. She was told to switch to a new doctor since her current doctor no longer participates in Medicaid program. With no food in the house on a consistent basis we felt the need to supply her and her family with an extra-large box of food on the Holiday Giving event. We also made the connection with the pharmacy program to help lower her medical cost.

We look forward to putting food on the table of those less fortunate every holiday season. We met a family in one of the hardest to reach areas in the community. This family has ethnic and cultural diversities that need to be address when attempting to help them with resources. We partnered with another organization that specializes in reaching the Cambodian and Laotian communities and purchased the types of food that these families would be more receptive to as part of their staple diet. It was a success, since the families were able to see that we made that extra effort to reach them and provide them with what they felt was a Devine blessing.

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

See Attached.

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

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Angela Anderson

Angela M. Anderson, Executive Director

Please email the completed form to:

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Presents the 2013 Food Distribution Program

WHERE: MT. NEBO MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 15 MADISON STREET, MONROEVILLE, AL



WHEN: FEBRUARY 26, 2013 10:00 AM

Or families in need in The Mobile, Monroeville, and area counties. This is This is a free distribution program. All recipients must be individuals First come first served. No duplications please, our goal is to allow Everyone a chance to participate.

Area to participate in afternoon session at 2:00 PM **Oak Grove Baptist Church in Frisco, Alabama**

The Alegna Holiday Food Distribution Program is supported by a grant from the S.L. Gimbel Foundation





