

 <p>The Community Foundation Serving the Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino</p>	<p>S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund</p> <p>Grant Evaluation Form</p>
<p>Grant Period June 1, 2012 – May 31, 2013</p>	<p>Evaluation Due Date: June 15, 2013</p>

Organization: Children of the Night

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Phone Number: (818)908-4474 ext. 125 Grant Period: June 1, 2012-May 31, 2013

Award Amount: \$25,000 Grant Number: 2012375

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

We exceeded our expectations in 2012. We welcomed 89 children into our home during 2012, an increase of 27% over the previous year and the most children we have served in our home since 2008. Those **89 children ages 11-17 received comprehensive social services, case management and attended our onsite school.**

We placed 6 young residents in college compared to the usual 5 children. There were 6 children who surpassed keyboarding speeds of 35 wmp. And 5 students completed the GED or High School Diploma.

We fielded 8,420 calls which was remarkable because we streamlined our record keeping to better reflect actual services and not include follow up calls.

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

We learned that many children who were victims of prostitution were being held in jails on “material witness holds” by the FBI for purposes of securing them as witnesses against pimp/traffickers.

Dr Lois Lee participated in a roundtable meeting with Assistant United States Attorney Tom Perez who heard our cries to release children from jails where they were held as “material witnesses” until they testified against pimps. Soon after federal victim advocates resumed referring child victim/witnesses to the Children of the Night home.

We learned that we needed to reach out into the political arena to fight for the rights of our children as well as providing the much needed social services.

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

Thanks to the S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund we were able to respond to the larger number of children, by staffing positions that had been vacant for some time and tightened protocols and compliance with Children of the Night policies and training manuals to ensure Children of the Night services were delivered consistently and in accordance with original program design.

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

Children of the Night’s growth and development in 2012 marked another milestone in our history. Children of the Night was created in response to the beginning of America’s child prostitution epidemic in 1979. By 2009, we witnessed a marked decrease in the number of children working as prostitutes as a result of well-designed and executed federal legislation that provided life sentences for pimp/traffickers who prostituted children less than 14 years of age. For older youth, federal laws allowed prosecution for torture and kidnapping resulting in 20, 40, 60 and 80 year sentences for the pimp/trafficker who coerced children into prostitution.

We changed our DSL system to Cable internet for faster networking, upgrading many workstations and readying our new HD Mobile Unit that allows us to bring in law enforcement and other nonprofits from around the world into the shelter home to interview child victim/witnesses of crimes so they don’t have to be held in jails or removed from the facility and to provide training to these organizations.

In 2012, we scrutinized the record keeping of our hotline services to ensure the number of calls and kinds of services were accurately reflected. We eliminated unnecessary records such as follow up calls that were part of a major service and our hard work only temporarily reduced our number of calls.

These groundbreaking opportunities did not come easy and were only obtainable because of people like you who supported our most important work and our core program – The Children of the Night home.

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

Mary came to the Children of the Night shelter home after escaping a pimp who had kidnapped her and held her hostage for months. She too never left the home and attended our onsite school. She participated in the Los Angeles County Science Fair and while she didn't place, she won a special Earth Science Award which entitled her to a trip to Belize. Upon completion of her high school diploma, she was placed in a four year university and has completed her first year in college.

Katie's mother passed away two years ago and she had missed two years of school. She was prostituting on the street. Katie had undiagnosed psychosis frequently hearing voices and hallucinating. She was 16 years old when she came to Children of the Night. At Children of the Night we obtained a full psychiatric evaluation for Katie and provided her with a psychiatrist who prescribed psychiatric medications to stop the voices and hallucinations. Shortly thereafter, we started the long tedious process of applying for supplemental income from Social Security Administration to obtain benefits for which Katie was entitled. We also obtained an IEP (Individualized Educational Plan) for Katie which allowed her placement in a special school and additional services from the Regional Center. Katie is now eligible for housing, hands on vocational training, transportation, counseling, psychiatric care and medical services for the rest of her life and she will no longer be dependent on prostitution for food to eat and a place to sleep.

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

(Please see attached)

How did you communicate this grant internally to our staff, board and stakeholders?

We announced the S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund gift at our staff meeting and board meeting. We knew with the additional support of our shelter home we could allocate time and resources to

reaching out to more children through advocacy with the United States Attorney General and our electronic mailings.

To ready our shelter home for more residents we asked Keller Williams & Lowes to help remodel our shelter home turning our classroom into a multimedia room, refurbish our day room where our children enjoy meals and arts & crafts & other fun activities. And they built a garden and landscaped the yard area where our children spend free time.

To which media outlets did you send a press release announcing your grant?

Children of the Night publishes a "*Heroes of the Heart*" brochure each year in recognition of our major donors. The S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund will be recognized in our 2012 publication to be released later this year. During his lifetime, Johnny Carson donated over \$1 million in personal gifts to the Children of the Night program. He led Children of the Night's *Hero of the Heart* campaign and left the John W. Carson Foundation in place which is committed to carrying out his legacy with generous annual gifts and leadership of our Heroes of the Heart annual campaign.