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

**Grant Period:
January 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013**

**Evaluation Due Date:
July 15, 2013**

Organization: Families Forward

Contact Name: Jillian Miller

Title: Grants Manager

Phone Number: 949-716-2727

Grant Period: 1/1/13-6/30/13

Award Amount: \$10,000

Grant Number: 2012996

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

During the grant period (1/1/13-6/30/13) **3,723 individuals** received food through Families Forward's food pantry. Of those families and individuals served, nearly 40% are from single parent households. Each person visiting the food pantry received 4 bags of food as well as various fresh produce items and baked goods representing all nutritional needs.

- 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?

Families Forward's food pantry consistently serves over 7,000 individuals each year and is currently on pace to do so again this year. With that said, Families Forward is unable to serve all of the food insecure children in Orange County. Over 46% of students qualified for free or reduced-price school meals in 2011/12 – an increase of 20% over the past 10 years. This figure is considered a valid indicator of poverty. Families Forward strives to reach as many families in need as possible in order to help decrease the number of food insecure in our county.

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

Families Forward was able to purchase food items through Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County again this year. As a result, we were able to buy in bulk and at a more affordable rate than if we were to have purchased food through a grocery store or big box retailer. This enabled Families Forward to buy more food to serve clients in need.

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

The food pantry is an essential component of Families Forward's Homeless Prevention Program. It is staffed entirely by volunteers and the majority of the food available to clients has been donated by individuals, businesses or community organizations through individual donations and coordinated food drives held throughout the year. It is rare that funds are available for staff to make food purchases for the food pantry. Families Forward was incredibly grateful for this grant from S.L. Gimbel Foundation. This grant ensured that staff could purchase specific food items that were particularly lacking in the pantry while strengthening our relationship with a key community partner, Second Harvest.

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

As Families Forward recently moved into a new program center at 8 Thomas in Irvine, the grant from Gimbel made it possible for the food pantry to maintain its services to clients in our community. During our move, Families Forward was unable to receive food donations for a short period of time. We were able to store the food purchased through Second Harvest and this grant at their facility and were allowed to pick up the food when our food pantry ran low. The larger success of the grant is that families who may not have received or been aware of Families Forward's other supportive services were informed of such services by skilled volunteers and staff if needed. These additional services include career services, pro-bono legal advice, medical referrals, holiday programs and more. The food pantry is designed to help families at risk of becoming homeless bridge a time of crisis and relieve the burden of expensive food purchases thus enabling them to afford rent and other critical items.

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

Item	Dollars to spend	Case CT	Price per case	Cases ordered	Purchase amount	Price per item
Pasta Elbow 20/1 lbs. @ \$9.30 case	\$ 700.00	20	\$ 9.30	75	\$ 697.50	\$ 0.47
Oatmeal	\$ 300.00	12	\$ 9.50	30	\$ 285.00	\$ 0.79
Spaghetti Sauce 12/26 oz. @ \$9.06 case	\$ 1,000.00	12	\$ 9.06	115	\$ 1,041.90	\$ 0.76
Mac & Cheese 24/7025 oz. @ \$ 9.84 case	\$ 500.00	24	\$ 9.84	55	\$ 541.20	\$ 0.41
Chicken Noodle Soup 24/10.5 oz. @ \$12.20 case	\$ 300.00	24	\$ 12.20	25	\$ 305.00	\$ 0.51
Peanut Butter 12/18 oz. @ \$16.44 case	\$ 3,500.00	12	\$ 16.44	215	\$ 3,534.60	\$ 1.37
Long Grain White Rice 24/1 lbs. @ \$ 10.89 case	\$ 1,100.00	24	\$ 10.89	105	\$ 1,143.45	\$ 0.45
Canned Chicken 24/5 oz. @ \$ 16.00 case (in exchange for Tuna)	\$ 1,200.00	24	\$ 16.00	75	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 0.67
Mixed Fruit 24/15 oz. @ \$ 15.95 case	\$ 900.00	24	\$ 15.95	60	\$ 957.00	\$ 0.66
	\$ 9,700.00			755	\$ 9,705.65	\$ 0.68
Transportation- truck expense, gas, staff time	\$ 300.00				\$ 294.35	
	\$ 10,000.00				\$ 10,000.00	

- Please send copies of publicity and other promotional materials.
Attached please find Families Forward most recent annual report.



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Karen Lampert

From: Jillian Miller <jmiller@families-forward.org>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2013 3:28 PM
To: Penny Beaulieu
Subject: Families Forward Final Report - S.L. Gimbel Foundation
Attachments: Final Report.docx; AnnualReport2011_2012[1].pdf

Good afternoon Penny,

Attached please find Families Forward's final report as well as our most recent annual report. I just wanted to note that as of May, Families Forward has moved into a new program center. The new address for any correspondence is 8 Thomas, Irvine, CA 92618.

Thank you to the S.L. Gimbel Foundation once again, its continued support of the food pantry is essential to our being able to serve so many families and individuals in need in Orange County.

All the best,
Jillian

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Please note! Families Forward has moved to 8 Thomas, Irvine, CA, 92618. Our phone numbers remain the same.

Dignity, Empowerment, Accountability, Community Spirit and Hope
Last year, Families Forward improved the lives of over 8,000 children and adults by providing safety-net services through the framework of our values.