

 <p>The Community Foundation Serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties</p>	<h2>S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund</h2> <h3>Grant Evaluation Form</h3>
Grant Period:	

Organization: First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino

Contact Name: Kathleen Ray

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Food Ministry

Phone Number: (909) 882-3308

Grant Period: 2012

Award Amount: \$10,000.00

Grant Number:

- Describe the project's key outcomes and results based on your goals and objectives. Provide the number of clients served and other relevant statistics. Please see additional sheets
- 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?
- Describe any unintended positive outcomes as a result of the efforts supported by this grant.
- Describe the overall effect this grant has had on your organization.
- Tell us a few success stories that made an impact on your organization and/or community as a result of this grant.
- Provide a financial report on the use of your grant funds (expenditures).
- ❖ Please send copies of publicity and other promotional materials.
- ❖ All variances or time extensions must be approved by The Community Foundation's Grant Committee. Please contact us at 951-684-4194, ext. 114 immediately if a variance or extension becomes necessary.

Please return the completed form to:

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Adult Ed. & Sunday School
9:30 a.m.
Worship
10:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship
11:30 a.m.

It is the Mission of First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino, inspired by the Holy Spirit, to proclaim the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship and celebration, and teaching and learning, so that lives are transformed and members are encouraged to use their special gifts to care for and value, as God's Beloved, each other and the community in which we live.

Food Closet Receives Grant

By KATHLEEN RAY

The Food Closet has received a grant from the S.L. Gimbel Foundation. The grant was brokered through The Community Foundation of Riverside. The Community Foundation acts as a clearing house for multiple corporations who wish to make charitable donations. The S. L. Gimbel Company offers a grant to be used solely for the purchase of food to feed people in need. Grants are awarded in amounts up to \$10,000.00. This year FPCSB's Food Closet was awarded the full \$10,000.00. There are some stipulations attached to the grant. We must spend the entire amount by June 30, 2013. We're very sure we can do that! Once the money has been spent, we then must send in a followup letting the Gimbel Foundation know how we spent the money and what lessons we have learned by having access to money over and beyond our budget.

It is because of this grant, we have been able to add fresh produce and bread products to the food bags we distribute. Now we have our eyes on a commercial refrigerator and a commercial freezer so that we might add selected dairy products to our distributions. Yes, the Food Ministry is made up of dreamers but if we don't dream it, we can't make it come true.

Thank you to the S. L. Gimbel Foundation and to The Community Foundation for not only helping us to dream but for making the dreams of the less fortunate in our community come true.

One Great Hour of Sharing

By PCUSA.ORG

Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with those in need. Your generous gifts assist those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing support the following:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance | Presbyterian Hunger Program | Self-Development of People



Partners in Progress

By SANDRA RODRIGUEZ (San Bernardino High School Principal)

Schools all over the nation are seeking community partners. We are so fortunate to have found a partner in the First Presbyterian Church. In the month of February, a group from First Press came to SBHS for a tour of our Bakery, Florist, and Silk Screen Shops. We were excited to show off our programs. As our partnership grows, we look forward to more visits from you. We thank you for the notes of encouragement to our students taking the California High School Exit Exam. And we thank you so much for the positive thoughts and prayers! We look forward to your constant presence at our campus. Our community is in such need. It is going to take all of us to make a positive impact. We are the change we want to see in the world. I appreciate your willingness to partner with us. On behalf of the students and staff, I thank you!

First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino

7/12/13 10:14 AM

Register: 29000 · Custody Funds -- Deacons:29512 · Food Ministry (Other Gifts)

From 01/01/13 through 06/30/13

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Increase	C	Decrease	Balance
01/14/13	A019964...	Second Harvest Food...	20000 · Accounts Paya...				124.46	7,093.89
01/18/13	AO19991...	Second Harvest Food...	20000 · Accounts Paya...				43.86	7,050.03
01/21/13	1047	Stater Bros	10200 · Checking:102...				425.76	6,624.27
01/22/13	A019994...	Second Harvest Food...	20000 · Accounts Paya...				121.89	6,502.38
02/01/13	34769		10200 · Checking:102...	Community Fo...	10,000.00			16,502.38
02/01/13	A0200381	Second Harvest Food...	20000 · Accounts Paya...				129.75	16,372.63
02/06/13			10200 · Checking:102...	Souper Bowl-F...	161.00			16,533.63
02/08/13			10200 · Checking:102...	Estate gift from...	100.00			16,633.63
02/10/13		Stater Bros	20000 · Accounts Paya...				142.56	16,491.07
02/11/13	1051	Stater Bros	10200 · Checking:102...				711.60	15,779.47
02/13/13	AO20050...	Second Harvest Food...	20000 · Accounts Paya...				53.86	15,725.61
02/13/13	A020073...	Second Harvest Food...	20000 · Accounts Paya...				209.26	15,516.35
02/15/13	1052	Stater Bros	10200 · Checking:102...				477.60	15,038.75
02/15/13		Sally Morris	20000 · Accounts Paya...				955.20	14,083.55
02/21/13	AO20106...	Second Harvest Food...	20000 · Accounts Paya...				57.28	14,026.27
03/07/13	AO20154...	Second Harvest Food...	20000 · Accounts Paya...				237.09	13,789.18
03/08/13		Stater Bros	20000 · Accounts Paya...				142.56	13,646.62
03/11/13	1056	Stater Bros	10200 · Checking:102...				210.00	13,436.62
03/11/13	AO20166...	Second Harvest Food...	20000 · Accounts Paya...				213.15	13,223.47
03/19/13	AO20202...	Second Harvest Food...	20000 · Accounts Paya...				312.53	12,910.94
03/22/13			10200 · Checking:102...	Barbara Alvarez	50.00			12,960.94
04/03/13	1058	Stater Bros	10200 · Checking:102...				490.75	12,470.19
04/04/13	A020271...	Second Harvest Food...	20000 · Accounts Paya...				242.35	12,227.84
04/08/13	A020279...	Second Harvest Food...	20000 · Accounts Paya...				131.62	12,096.22
04/17/13	11225	Stater Bros	10200 · Checking:102...				142.56	11,953.66
04/17/13	AO20315...	Second Harvest Food...	20000 · Accounts Paya...				94.25	11,859.41
04/19/13	1060	Stater Bros	10200 · Checking:102...				63.36	11,796.05
04/22/13	A020334...	Second Harvest Food...	20000 · Accounts Paya...				104.69	11,691.36
04/29/13	1061	Stater Bros	10200 · Checking:102...				716.40	10,974.96
05/02/13	1066	Stater Bros	10200 · Checking:102...				1,033.42	9,941.54
05/02/13	AO20378...	Second Harvest Food...	20000 · Accounts Paya...				250.74	9,690.80
05/07/13	A020393...	Second Harvest Food...	20000 · Accounts Paya...				188.13	9,502.67
05/12/13		Stater Bros	20000 · Accounts Paya...				142.56	9,360.11
05/14/13	AO20416...	Second Harvest Food...	20000 · Accounts Paya...				74.95	9,285.16
05/23/13	A020451...	Second Harvest Food...	20000 · Accounts Paya...				200.13	9,085.03
05/29/13	A020472...	Second Harvest Food...	20000 · Accounts Paya...				72.30	9,012.73
06/03/13	AO20488...	Second Harvest Food...	20000 · Accounts Paya...				169.32	8,843.41
06/09/13		Stater Bros	20000 · Accounts Paya...				142.56	8,700.85
06/17/13		Second Harvest Food...	20000 · Accounts Paya...				166.28	8,534.57

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06/05/13	1069	Stater Bros	10200 · Checking:102...				1,194.00	7,134.77
06/09/13		Stater Bros	20000 · Accounts Paya...				142.56	6,992.21
06/10/13	A020525...	Second Harvest Food...	20000 · Accounts Paya...				208.43	6,783.78
06/17/13		Second Harvest Food...	20000 · Accounts Paya...				166.28	6,617.50

S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund – Holiday Grant Evaluation

We at First Presbyterian Church, San Bernardino have been most appreciative of the grant from the Gimbel Foundation, made available to us through the Community Foundation of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Imagine the shock, surprise and delight when we learned that we had received the full \$10,000 grant. While we still shop at Second Harvest Food Bank four weeks out of the month, we have been able to add an additional and occasional Friday afternoon shopping where we may purchase bread and fresh produce. The grant has also provided the resources to take advantage of sales in retail grocery stores where we pick up products not available at the Food Bank (which has less and less food available) and often products with greater nutritional value. We continue to provide between 600 and 800 bags of food each month, feeding approximately 1400 to 1500 individuals. Due to space/storage constraints coupled with an aging volunteer staff, this is about the maximum number of bags we can handle at this time.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit volunteers. In addition to age constraints, there is a great deal of physical labor involved in our operation. Safety has become a key issue for our volunteers. We operate in an area rife with crime. We have recently lost two of our elderly members to violent crime. Since then many of our volunteers have left us because they do not feel safe. Following the drop in volunteerism, other obstacles we are encountering include climate control and the proper storage of non-refrigerated items and our never ending problem of limited storage space.

Some of the more pleasant surprises have come from our Youth Fellowship. They noticed the increasing amounts of fruits and vegetables that were going into the bags. They also noticed that our elderly members had mature citrus trees that were not being picked, the fruit mouldering on the ground. They banded together and went out on distribution days and picked the fruit, leaving the owner as much fruit as they wanted or needed and then brought the rest back to us to put into our food bags. We still keep a basket of sugarfree gum or individually wrapped hard candies on the desk and the clientele is very vocal about letting us know when the basket is empty.

something new and exciting that has arisen thanks to the grant is we can now cater to some specials needs. At this time, but by request only, we can supply gluten free bags, bags for those with peanut/tree nut allergies, and bags geared to diabetics. We have expanded our usage of produce and bread products but still dream of the day that we may add dairy to the menu.

Because of the grant we rarely run out of food bags. The clientele is less frenetic when they know we have food. The vandalism that at one time was commonplace on our campus has dropped dramatically because people are getting the food they need on a fairly regular basis.

The following anecdotes illustrate some of the impact that the grant has made, not only to our organization but also to our community.

There was one bag of food and one bag of produce left to be given out. Waiting for that bag was a young mother with 2 children in tow. The other was a very hot and tired looking elderly man. The woman was in line first meaning the man would not get a bag and would have to come back the next morning. The woman happily accepted her bags, and briefly inspected their contents. She gazed out the door at the man, and then looked back in the bags. She asked the receptionist

to allow the elderly man to come in. The receptionist complied. Much to the surprise of all of us present, she handed the bag of staples, macaroni & cheese, granola bars, cereal and the starchy like to the gentleman. Eyes glistening, he gratefully accepted the bag and left. The woman then explained to us that she worries about her children eating so much starchy food. She worries about childhood obesity and diabetes. Her children love fruits and vegetables but she could not afford to buy them. The bag with the tomatoes, zucchini, eggplant, avocados, mangos and the like would make a much better meal for her children and there would be plenty left for other meals.

An elderly woman who, (though not a member) attends our church regularly, was seen surreptitiously slipping a half donut into her purse. Nothing was said, no action taken. After a few weeks of observing this behavior, on a hunch, the manager of the food closet approached the woman and told the woman she had some fresh fruits and vegetables left in the refrigerator and really need to find a home for them before they needed to be thrown away. Would Mrs. X like to take them home. Her reply after some hesitation was "Only since they are going to be thrown out". This ballet went on for a few months. One day, Mrs. X offered the following: She was raising two granddaughters. Their father had lost his job and was subsisting on oddjobs. Her other son was a quadriplegic, raising 4 children as a single parent. She was supporting the entire family on her social security. As it turned out, the half donut was her evening meal. After promising to protect her anonymity, the food manager started saving food bags for her and the family. Long story short – Mrs. X is one of our more faithful volunteers and is the only volunteer who will notify us if she cannot make it to bagging and distribution.

The E Street corridor of San Bernardino is a very dark and depressing area. The S.L. Gimbel Foundation fund brings hope and light to our community. For this, we are eternally grateful.
Thank you Community Foundation.