

 <p>The Community Foundation Serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties</p>	<p><b>GIMBEL</b> <del>COMMUNITY IMPACT</del> Grant Evaluation Form</p>
<p><b>Grant Period:</b> October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013</p>	<p><b>Evaluation Due Date:</b> September 15, 2013</p>

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Organization: Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center

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Contact Name: Larry Mc Adara	Title: Executive Director
Phone Number: 951-686-7273	Grant Period: Oct.1, 2012-Sept 30, 2013
Award Amount: \$25,000	Grant Number: 2012757

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- 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 Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center conducted **5 orientations** for interested/potential volunteers to become trained and certified as Sexual Assault Crisis Counselors. We completed **3 Volunteers Trainings** during the grant period and successfully **certified 45 Sexual Assault Crisis Counselors** to respond to the grant objectives. We currently have 73 certified advocates in addition to six certified staff that can respond to the hospital 24-hours a day for advocacy and answer the crisis hotline. In the grant period we responded to all sexual assault victims we were contacted to advocate for at one of three forensic exam hospital locations totaling **208 sexual assault victim responses** providing accompaniment, advocacy, and a survivor bag of practical needs such as clothing, toiletries, information and referrals. We answered **765 crisis hotline calls** providing information, referrals and counseling. We provided **74 support group services** to survivors and family members in our teen survivor, adult survivor support and significant other support groups.

- 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?

We continue to encounter frequent turn over and new first responders to victims of sexual assault in Law Enforcement and Medical Forensic Examiners. For this reason there is at times a failure or a delay to dispatch an advocate to support and provide services to the victim and their family members. We have addressed the challenge by providing briefing trainings at all law enforcement agencies in our service area to inform them about the role of the advocate and RARCC services on an annual basis. We inform Law Enforcement and the Medical Forensic Examiners that the Penal Code requires all survivors of sexual assault to be provided with a victim advocate and to contact RARCC when transporting a victim to the hospital for a forensic exam. We also attend monthly Multi-Disciplinary Meetings with all team members which are Law Enforcement, the Forensic Examiners, District Attorney's Office, and the Department of Justice Crime Lab to review cases and discuss better services for sexual assault survivors. We attend MDT meetings three times a month with Riverside County Regional Medical Center Sexual Assault Response Team, Riverside Child

Assessment Team/Child Abuse Neglect Team and Rancho Springs Medical Center Sexual Assault Response Team. We also at times have difficulties with our answering service directing advocacy and hotline calls after-office hours to the correct advocate on call. At times this can delay our response but we are able to correct the problem in time to respond at the hospital or crisis hotline due to the manner with which we schedule multiple advocates on one shift. We also review all calls for advocacy and hotline calls during our daily office hours and address the problems and misdirected calls with the answering service to improve the level of response and service they provide to assist us in responding to advocacy and hotline calls.

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

An unintended positive outcome that resulted from our efforts is RARCC as well as Law Enforcement, the District Attorney's Office, Forensic Examiners, and Crime Lab of the Riverside County Sexual Assault Team were recognized as a model team and invited to Sacramento to provide training to other Sexual Assault Response Teams in the state. We have also received recognition in a National publication as a model SART Team for the outstanding services we provide to sexual assault victims in Riverside County.

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

The overall effect this grant has had on our organization is the continued ability to assistance in providing necessary support, options, assistance, crisis counseling, and referrals to survivors of sexual assault and their families. This includes but not limited to meeting the challenges of providing immediate crisis intervention and direct services to the survivors of sexual assault that are taken to the hospital by law enforcement or self present following an assault or who call the Crisis Hotline to obtain information, referrals, and counseling for a sexual assault that may have occurred recently or in the past. The grant also provided the ability to offer support groups to teen and adult survivors of sexual assault and their family members to assist them in healing and becoming whole again.

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

A 16 year old young woman had experienced on-going Child Sexual Abuse by her father. She found the courage and strength to tell her mother what she was happening to her which resulted in a report to Law Enforcement. Law Enforcement and the Forensic Examiner contact the Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center to accompany and advocate for the young women during the forensic exam. We were present and supported her through the evidence exam process and provided her and her family with information and referrals. We provided follow-up to see how she and her family were doing and invited them to come to the Agency office for in-person crisis counseling. We met and provided counseling for her aunts who she was now living with and herself for multiple sessions. We advocated in her behalf by contacting and receiving calls from the Department of Public Social Services, the Family Justice Center, and her family members many times. Her family was ordered by the courts to get her into counseling and RARCC provided that service at the beginning. We assisted in the completion of her being approved for Victims of Crime Compensation to provide her with therapy for the abuse she had suffered free of charge. She was able to enroll and complete another year of high school in Riverside, attends a local church and participates in a

dance club. She is currently receiving on-going therapy, living with her aunt who is currently her legal guardian and doing well.

A female adult called our hotline for support. She had been gang raped and reported it to police who would not approve an exam and told her it would not be beneficial in proving a crime occurred. She was traumatized, frustrated, scared, and felt hopeless. We provided her with support, information and referrals and advocated for her which resulted in her being approved for a forensic exam. We provided advocacy at the hospital for her as well. She called the hotline on multiple occasions as she dealt with the psychological symptoms of a horrific and tragic experience. The ability to call the crisis hotline resulted in her not feeling alone and not acting out in a self destructive manner by turning to alcohol to medicate her pain. The hotliners provided healthier coping skills and support for her to deal with the pain and emotions.

A young teen had been sexually assaulted and reported the crime to Law Enforcement. She and her parents attended our support groups to deal with the emotional pain and trauma they were experiencing in their family as a result of the sexual assault. Her parents attended the Significant Other support group where they were educated about sexual assault, challenged the myth beliefs and were taught healthy coping skills. As a result her father and mother didn't feel so alone with their pain and were more available and supportive of their daughter who was a survivor. The young woman attended our teen support group and made progress in opening up and feeling understood and supported as she processed her pain and emotions. The Teen Art of Healing Support group utilizes different art projects to assist survivors of sexual assault with the emotional pain and suffering that result from Rape Trauma Syndrome and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The young women found the group very helpful. As a result of attending the support groups RARCC offers the family is doing well.

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

### Community Foundation Expenditure

October 1, 2012 – July 31, 2013

Personnel Expenses	Expense
Director of Programs - Overall Head	\$ 2,500.00
Volunteer Coordinator - Facilitator	\$ 12,500.00
Direct Services Coordinator - Facilitator	\$ 10,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>

- ❖ Please contact us at 951-684-4194, ext. 114 immediately if a variance or extension becomes necessary.
- ❖ All variances or time extensions must be approved by The Community Foundation's Grant Committee. Please contact us at 951-684-4194, ext. 111 immediately if a variance or extension becomes necessary.

**Please return the completed form to:**

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**From:** Debora Heaps <dheaps@rarcc.org>  
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**Subject:** 2012 S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund Grant Evaluation  
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Dear Ms. Penny Beaulieu,

Please accept our 2012 S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund Grant Evaluation.

Thank you and our sincerest appreciation to S.L. Gimbel Foundation Advised Fund at The Community Foundation for the \$25,000. This grant greatly assisted the Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center in our mission to meet the needs of the clients we serve as well as their families.

Thank you for understanding the importance of our work.

Sincerely,

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