

	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: The Gary Center

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Award Amount: \$10,000

Grant Number: 20121009

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

175 families were served weekly during the grant period (approximately 612 individuals). Each family received three bags of groceries, which included items such as rice, boxed cereal, beans, canned meats, fresh veggies and fruits. Families that were new to the program attended the required 12 week series of workshops in Healthy Living, and learned about proper nutrition, budgeting and parenting. The information the *head of household* obtained from the workshops will be very valuable to them as make positive changes in their family's lives and in their move into self-sufficiency.

- 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 initially thought that purchasing fruits and vegetables directly from a grocer would be the most cost effective method; however we learned that this was not the case for us. Our Food Distribution Manager and volunteers had to take the time to pick out the produce that was not of good quality and had to be thrown away. We were informed that this is custom practice at grocery stores, but unlike the stores, our "customers" are not in a position to pay anything for produce. We are planning to return to purchasing produce in bulk through ordering at such retailers as Wal-mart and Sam's Club.

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

We did not expect the amount of gratitude we received from the families served by the food distribution program (see client "thank you letters" below). They were so happy to receive the special food items on a weekly basis and it was all possible through the funds provided by the S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund. Usually, The Gary Center is unable to purchase the higher cost items like the rice, boxed cereal, beans, canned meats, fresh veggies and fruits on a weekly basis, so the Foundation's gift was extra special.

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

This grant has affected the organization in a couple of ways. First, it has helped us meet our goal in fostering a healthy community and secondly, it has made the staff and volunteers involved in the food

distribution program feel good about giving out quality food to the needy families in our neighborhood.

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

The following is text from thank you letters, from Food Distribution recipients and Healthy Living Class students:

“Hello my name is Eva Massoquin. Thank you for your generosity. My husband works, but does not earn enough. We often get behind in our rent, utility, and other payments. My husband, kids and I eat everything that is provided in the food program including, tomatoes, onions, cabbage, potatoes, chicken, turkey, ham, juice, bread, tortillas, milk and yogurt. I am also grateful for the Nutrition [Healthy Living] class teacher, Adriana Roca. What I have learned in her class has helped me in my home and in my life. I am a more confident mother. I feel more secure that I my giving my kids, husband and myself the proper nutrition to be able to defend ourselves against illnesses. Thank you! -Gratefully, Senora Marroquin”

[translated from Spanish to English]

“We are very happy and grateful for the food that we receive. I have completed the Healthy Living Class, but I enjoyed it so much I re-enrolled. The class helped be to be a better mother, wife, and friend. It has helped to provide a better variety of food. This program has helped me a lot in the hard times my family has had recently. Thank you so much. -Sincerely, Irina Shimanchik”

The following is an oral testimony:

“My name is Jaylee Carrillo. I am a single mother of five children and am 38 years old. My 17 year old son is Autistic and my 10 year old son has Attention Deficit Disorder with Oppositional Defiance Disorder. In 2011, I was diagnosed with Spinal Stenosis, my pain and condition worsened, forcing me to quit my satisfying career as a home health nurse and has required me to begin using a wheelchair. I am grateful for The Gary Center’s food assistance program; I never thought I would be in this situation.”

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

Purchase of Food Items

Second Harvest	\$1,549.21
Smart & Final	\$37.52
Mission Tortillas	\$785.04
Wal-Mart	\$2,726.19
Costco	\$2,807.68
Sam's Club	\$172.29
Field Fresh Foods	\$1,047.80
<i>Total Food Purchase (A):</i>	<i>\$9,125.73</i>

Expenses Related to Transportation of Food Items

Fuel	\$495.00
Maintenance	\$175.00
Insurance	\$204.27
<i>Total Transportation (B):</i>	<i>\$874.27</i>

Total Expenditures (A+B):	\$10,000.00
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Please refer to the letter sent to Ms. Penny Beaulieu dated February 27, 2013, which included a published copy of the La Habra Journal announcing the foundation's grant to The Gary Center.

Please return the completed form to:

Penny Beaulieu, Manager, Grant Programs

The Community Foundation

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