



The Community Foundation  
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## S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund Grant Evaluation Form

**Grant Period: 1/1/13 – 6/30/13**

Organization: St. Leo Food Connection

Contact Name: Kevin Glackin-Coley

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Grant Period: January 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013

Award Amount: \$10,000

Grant Number: N/A

- 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 grant funds we received were used to purchase food for our Backpack Program, which provides two-days worth of food every Friday throughout the school year to children who are at-risk of going hungry over the weekend. By the end of the school year we were serving more than 600 children weekly, an increase of more than 100 students weekly from the start of the 2012-13 school year. 988 different children were served at least once this calendar year.

- 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?

Our only real challenge with this program, beyond the normal requirements of program management, remains our inability to serve all the children and schools who would like to participate. However, support like yours us enabled us to grow the program from serving 50 children weekly when we began in January 2008 to our current level of serving more than 600 children weekly.

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

N/A

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

The grant from the SL Gimbel Foundation Fund enabled us to continue this important program, which is all the more important during this prolonged economic downturn when more and more families are relying on emergency food programs to meet their family's nutritional needs.

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

*"Thank you for this program. I have a family living in a garage with one mattress for all of them to share. I know the kids look forward to getting their food every week."*

- Counselor at one of our Backpack Schools.

*"The school where I deliver food is a middle school. Middle school: a place where it can feel excruciating to stand out, where any sign of difference, including class difference, is reason for exclusion at best and bullying and taunting at worst. So I wonder about this school where I deliver food. It's a school where the numbers of*

*identified students in need have doubled, just this last week. I wonder about the students who are unable or unwilling (for whatever reason) to accept the food that I'm delivering."*

From an article by a program volunteer (<http://www.seattlestar.net/2013/03/three-boxes-one-classroom-another-argument-for-food-banks/>)

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

The grant funds were used for food purchases for the program. Food costs are approximately \$6.00/week per student. Over the 24 weeks of the grant period the funds awarded in this grant will enable us to purchase food weekly for 69 children, providing them with a total of 9,936 meals.

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