



2023 S.L. Gimbel Foundation Food Grant Application By Invitation Only

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Organization / Agency Information

1) Organization/Agency Name: Freestore Foodbank		
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Program / Grant Information

Interest Area:

14) Program/Project Name: Power Pack Program			15) Amount of Grant Requested: \$100,000
16) Total Organization Budget: \$22,993,897 (*w/o value of in-kind food)	17) Per 990, Percentage of Program Service Expenses (Column B / Column A x 100): \$84,676,805 / \$89,645,569 x 100 = 94.45	18) Per 990, Percentage of Management & General Expenses Only (Column C / Column A x 100): \$2,697,583 / \$89,645,569 x 100 = 3.00	19) Per 990, Percentage of Management & General Expenses and Fundraising (Column C+D / Column A x 100): \$2,697,583 + \$2,271,181 / \$89,645,569 x 100 = 5.54
20) Purpose of Grant Request (one sentence): Funding will support the purchase of food items for the Power Pack program to be included in weekend food assistance packs provided to elementary school children who are food insecure.			
21) Program Start Date (Month and Year): July 2023		22) Program End Date (Month and Year): June 2024 (grant funds will be spent before 1/31/24)	
23) Gimbel Grants Received: List Year(s) and Award Amount(s) 2019 (received 1/22/2019) \$15,000 2020 (received 1/14/2020) \$15,000 2022 (received 5/20/2022) \$100,000			

Signatures

24) Board President / Chair: (Print name and Title) Marty Dunn, Board Chair	Signature:		Date: 3/6/2023
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Narrative

Please provide the following information by answering **ALL** questions (I to IV), **12 Font, One Inch Margins**. Use the format below (I to IV). Type your complete answers to the question directly below the question. Please do not delete the questions/instructions/examples and provide clear, specific, and concise answers.

I. Organization Background

A) What are the history, mission and/or purpose of your organization?

Freestore Foodbank's mission is to improve lives by eliminating hunger in partnership with our community. Our vision is a hunger-free, healthy, and thriving community. To achieve this vision, we aim to provide nutritious food, connect families to supportive services, and ensure hope through pathways from crisis to stability.

In 1971, as Frank Gerson was working at the local incinerator, he saw discarded household items still in decent condition. Not wanting these usable items to go to waste, he collected them and made them available free of charge to anyone who had a need. His ever-changing collection of offerings became known as "Free Store." Eventually, Gerson incorporated Free Store into a public charity and quit his job to devote his time and efforts to helping the community. Soon Free Store began to distribute food to those in need, and in 1979 became a founding member of Feeding America, evolving into Freestore Foodbank as the designated organization to address food insecurity in the tri-state region.

B) How long has the organization been providing programs and services to the community?

Freestore Foodbank has served local families for over 50 years, first in Cincinnati, Ohio, and now to an expanded 20-county tristate region. The generosity of a caring community has allowed us to initiate programs and add services to address the pressing issues related to poverty—issues that ultimately affect us all. We continue to add programs and services to meet the changing needs of our region, ensuring best practices with adaptable models based on the feedback of those we serve. The Power Pack program is one of our largest and longest-standing programs, with nearly 20 years of outcomes in the region.

C) What are some of your past organizational accomplishments (last three years)?

Hamilton County selected us as one of the three organizations to help distribute \$7 million in rent and utility assistance related to COVID-19 evictions. We participate in the City of Cincinnati's Hand Up Initiative for job training through our Cincinnati COOKS! program. Our Stabilization Program and LIFT the TriState workforce development program are recipients of grants from the City of Cincinnati's Human Services Fund. We have also received funding from the Ohio Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiative to support our workforce development programs.

Our President & CEO, Kurt Reiber, received Business Courier's 2020 C-Suite Award. Freestore

Foodbank has been a Better Business Bureau Accredited Charity since 2005. We currently maintain a Platinum level rating through Guidestar, an online service that reports on nonprofit organizations. We also hold a four-star rating with Charity Navigator, the highest possible rating and evidence that we adhere to sector best practices and execute our mission in a financially efficient way.

II. Project Information:

A) Statement of Need

Specify the community need(s) you want to address and are seeking funds for.

Include demographics, geographic characteristics of the area or community to be served, community conditions and income level. Include relevant statistics.

Hunger remains a critical issue for the over 90,000 food-insecure children in the 20-county region supported by Freestore Foodbank (Source: Feeding America's 2022 Map the Meal Gap). Childhood hunger steadily decreased until the pandemic derailed improvements; Feeding America anticipates an 8% increase in need over the long term. The USDA Economic Research Service defines food-insecure households as being "uncertain of having, or unable to acquire, at some time during the year, enough food to meet the needs of all their members because they had insufficient money or other resources for food." Inability to afford food results in children skipping meals or not eating for an entire day.

Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap data indicates that "children struggling with food insecurity may be at greater risk for stunted development, anemia and asthma, oral health problems, hospitalization, and mental disorders." Furthermore, "food insecurity is linked with poor physical quality of life, which may prevent children from fully engaging in daily activities. In addition, food-insecure children are at increased risk of falling behind their peers academically and socially; food insecurity is linked to lower grades and non-cognitive skills. They may also be more likely to exhibit behavioral problems including anxiety, psychological distress, and substance abuse, and to experience bullying."

Freestore Foodbank's goal is to reach every hungry child in the tristate region with a continuum of care from birth until adulthood, improving the health and quality of life for children in the community. Power Pack currently supports over 100 schools in 18 counties in Greater Cincinnati, including Hamilton, Clermont, Pike, Highland, Scioto, Clinton, Adams, and Brown counties in Ohio; Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Kenton, Grant, Gallatin, Mason, Owen, and Pendleton counties in Kentucky; and Dearborn county in Indiana. This represents urban, rural, and suburban populations. The program is primarily for elementary schools and works best for children in grades K-5, based on data from previous school years. The items included in the packs are chosen based on this age group's preferences and dietary needs. The program is open to students of all races, religions, and backgrounds whose households would be considered low to moderate-income.

B) Project Description

Describe your food distribution program.

1. What are the specific activities of the food program?
2. How do you identify/qualify those in need?
3. How often is the food distribution offered (before COVID and now)?
4. How many people will be served by the food distribution program (children, youth, adults, seniors) that is being considered for the Gimbel Foundation request and the total program?
5. Please explain how you keep track of number of people served.

Freestore Foodbank's Power Pack program began in 2004 and is based on Feeding America's national Backpack initiative. Low-income children are fed daily through free/reduced-price school meals, available only on school days. These children may be forced to skip meals during weekends and school breaks due to a lack of resources. The Power Pack program works with schools to provide packs of food assistance to food-insecure children every Friday of the school year to alleviate hunger on non-school days. During the pandemic, distributions were extended into the summer months to meet the increased need.

Power Pack school sites are chosen through an open application process which allows staff to evaluate for food insecurity levels, other available resources, and unique situations of each site, including high migrant populations, unemployment rates, and homeless populations.

A designated coordinator manages each site with support from Freestore Foodbank's Community Partnership Manager. Site coordinators participate in an orientation, establish a safe and secure area appropriate for food storage, and determine how best to distribute packs each Friday. Working with other faculty and school staff, they identify food-insecure children to enroll in the Power Pack program. Each site also performs program evaluation and monthly reporting, providing student and parent feedback to Freestore Foodbank staff. This is how we track the number of students supported each week, which is currently approximately 5,500. While some sites can support their packs with independent funders, Freestore Foodbank fundraises presently to cover the costs of 3,726 packs each week, with the additional 1,788 supported by the sites. We currently support around 100 school sites, and throughout the school year, we anticipate more than 6,500 unduplicated children served. During most school years, we usually have two to three schools requesting an increase in packs, but in the current school year we have had over 20 schools in need of additional packs, indicating the need is and will remain high moving in the next school year.

We focus on serving schools with the highest need. Eligibility for a school to participate as a site is based on the percentage of its students qualified for free/reduced-price (F/R) school meals: Freestore Foodbank offers a training manual and connections to other resources to help teachers and administrators identify the signs of food insecurity.

Each pack contains eleven items to support participants' nutritional needs over the weekend. Pack contents include sunflower seeds, whole grain cereal, a pudding cup, fruit and veggie juice (two per bag), a fruit cereal bar, Chef Boyardee Beefaroni, Chef Boyardee Spaghetti with Meatballs, crackers/cookies with educational information, an applesauce squeeze pouch, and turkey meat stick. These items remain consistent throughout the year with minimal changes only when required due to sourcing issues, and equivalent substitutes are found. They are also high in protein, fiber, and iron and require minimal preparation. All packs are assembled by volunteers, significantly reducing the program's expense and allowing the majority of funds to support food costs.

C) Project Goal, Objective, Activities and Expected Outcome

- 1. Note: Objective, Outcome and Evaluation must all be based on the SAME QUANTIFIABLE CRITERIA (for example, “number served, or acres improved”). This quantifiable criteria should refer to the grant amount you are requesting from the Gimbel Foundation only and not the total program.**

State ONE GOAL, ONE OBJECTIVE, ONE OUTCOME. USE NUMBERS AND DO NOT USE PERCENTAGES.

2. **State ONE project goal.** The Goal should be an aspirational statement, a broad statement of purpose for the project.
3. **State One Objective.** The Objective should be specific, measurable, verifiable, action-oriented, realistic, and time-specific statement intended to guide your organization's activities toward achieving the goal. Specify the activities you will undertake to meet the objective and number of participants for each activity.
4. **State One Outcome.** An outcome is the individual, organizational or community-level change that can reasonably occur during the grant period as a result of the proposed activities or services. What is the key anticipated outcome of the project and impact on participants? State in a quantifiable and verifiable term.
5. **Evaluation:** How will progress towards the objective (per above) be tracked and outcome measured?
Provide specific information on how many individuals will be evaluated (should be the same number as in the objective and outcome), how you will collect relevant data and statistics that meet your objective and validate your expected outcome, in a quantifiable manner, as you describe your evaluation process.

BELOW IS AN EXAMPLE OF GOAL, OBJECTIVE, OUTCOME AND EVALUATION:
Objective, Outcome and Evaluation should align and should be written in a linear format, using actual numbers, and data that are quantifiable and verifiable. Do not use percentages

GOAL: Enhance and supplement the diet of food insecure families and children in Mariposa County with healthy, fresh food each month to improve their health and wellbeing.

OBJECTIVE: Distribute at least **500,000 meals of healthy, fresh food to 15,000 residents in need.**

ACTIVITIES:

- 1) Purchase fresh produce and other food items not provided by existing local farm and USDA sources to support 15,000 food distribution participants monthly.
- 2) Continue to promote monthly food distribution program through community partners across the county.
- 3) Input monthly food distribution data into USDA database system.

OUTCOME: We expect to **provide 500,000 meals to 15,000 food insecure county residents**, increasing their healthy food intake and habits.

EVALUATION: Using the USDA's tracking system we will generate reports on the number of food insecure children and families we have served. We will track our role in **providing 500,000 meals feeding 15,000 food insecure individuals** and account for additional success or lower numbers of individuals served.

WRITE YOUR RESPONSES HERE AND Use the following format for your goal, objective, respective activities and expected outcome:

GOAL: Improve the nutritional value provided to local children to enhance overall well-being and learning potential.

OBJECTIVE: Distribute 3,726 weekly packs of food assistance over a six-to-seven-week period, for a total of 23,697 packs of food assistance to local children showing signs of food insecurity.

ACTIVITIES:

- a) Purchase consistent, quality food items that are healthy and appealing to children.
- b) Assemble 23,697 packs of food assistance, including 11 items per pack, through the support of volunteers
- c) Deliver packs of assistance to local schools, meeting food insecurity criteria who have identified specific food insecure children.
- d) Sites distribute packs each Friday, supporting the food needs of children over the weekend and during school breaks.

OUTCOME: We expect to distribute 3,726 weekly packs of food assistance, or a total of 23,697 packs, with this funding to support food-insecure children.

EVALUATION: We will receive monthly reports on the number of children served and any issues or best practices around delivery, storage, distribution, and feedback. In addition, we expect qualitative feedback about the ability of children to focus and learn more on Monday mornings after receiving the packs during the weekend.

*The above goal, objective, activities, outcome, and evaluation are for the period of grant funding, not the entire program.

D) Timeline

Provide a timeline for implementing the project. The start date and end date should be the same dates on the cover page. Start date should be 3 months after the submission deadline.

The project start date is: 7/1/2023 to begin ordering food items

The project end date is: 6/30/2023 for the entire program to end **(grant funds to be spent by 1/31/2024)**

Include timeframes for specific activities, as appropriate.

Food purchases may start early in the fiscal year, with some distributions depending on increased needs. Most distributions will begin with the school year in early fall. Funding will be used early in the school year, expending all funds by the end of January 2024. However, the program will continue throughout the school year and potentially into the summer of 2024 if the need remains elevated.

E) Target Population

1. Who will this grant serve?
2. How many people will be impacted? Provide a breakdown: Number of Children, Youth, Adults, Seniors.

This grant supports food insecure children in the greater Cincinnati tristate region, with 5,514 weekly children and 3,726 of these supported through food purchased funded by Freestore Foodbank. Other sites (1,788) can partially or fully purchase their packs through local sponsors (we only recoup food costs, no transportation or overhead). This program will support an estimated 6,500 unduplicated children.

F) Community Partners

1. How does this program relate to other existing projects in the community?
2. Who are your key community partners? Provide a brief description of each key partner and their role(s) in this program.

3. How are you utilizing volunteers?

The Power Pack program works collaboratively with other programs and organizations with a similar focus to reach our goals. Our partners include school districts, Feeding America food banks that provide best practices across the network, religious/charity groups, and community organizations such as the Steven Hunter Hope Fund, CISE, Catholic Charities, Cincinnati Public Schools, Community Food Collaborative, Headstart-Community Action Agency, and others. These local partners help support the program financially in some cases and conduct outreach in areas where local relationships are vital to success.

Each of the more than 100 school sites provides vital feedback information and works to identify and distribute packs to food-insecure children. They are the best advocates to recognize the symptoms of hunger and reach out to address them, often providing additional resources through Freestore Foodbank, such as our Benefits Call Center. The Power Pack program is only possible with hundreds of volunteers each year who assemble each pack for distribution. Volunteer involvement eases a tremendous financial burden, allowing more funds to support purchasing of food items for the Power Packs. In addition, local partners and media connections help reach the community and ensure those in need are aware of this resource.

G) Use of Grant Funds

How will you use the grant funds? This answer should align with the specific activities previously outlined in C) Project Goal, Objectives, Activities and Expected Outcomes

Funds will directly purchase all 11 food items going into 3,726 weekly packs for a six-to-seven-week period, making 23,697 total packs possible.

III. Project Future

A) Sustainability

Explain how you will support this project after the grant performance period. Include plans for fundraising or increasing financial support designated for the project.

The Power Pack program has provided consistent, critical nutrition to elementary school children for nearly 20 years with the support of our local community. We will continue to request support from foundations, individuals, and corporations, focusing on multi-year commitments, when possible, to ensure consistency. Part of the strength of this program is due to the efforts of our many local partners to avoid any duplications of services while also being mindful of potential expansion to prevent the over-extension of resources.

Our organization continues to expand responsibly, replicating successful programs and working with partners to adjust to meet the community's needs. We remain fiscally responsible in our plans for the future to ensure we are here as long as local families need us. The Power Pack program is a central part of our strategic plan to address the gap in food assistance to children, and it remains our largest and furthest-reaching program. This contribution will allow us to accept 1-2 additional sites into the program (applications are submitted in the spring) while ensuring we don't over-extend. We do not expand and contract with available funding but commit to continued site support, utilizing unrestricted support when needed.

IV. Governance, Executive Leadership and Key Personnel/Staff Qualifications

A) Governance

1. Describe your board of directors and the role it plays in the organization.

2. What committees exist within your board of directors?
3. How does the board of directors make decisions?

Our board provides guidance and support for all key aspects of the organization, including updating our strategic plan each year, reviewing budgets each year, reviewing our actuals compared to the budget each month during meetings, and discussing any related issues of the organization. In addition, they approve all HR policies and review the performance of our President & CEO. They are elected for a three-year, renewable term, with officers serving two terms.

Related committees include Audit, Development, Distribution and Logistics, Executive, Finance, Governance and Trusteeship, Stabilization, Talent Management and Recruitment, Workforce Development, and ad hoc committees as needed, such as our Growing Beyond Hunger Capital Campaign committee.

B) Management

1. Describe the qualifications of key personnel/staff responsible for the project.
2. **What is the CEO/President/Executive Director Salary?**

Heidi Becker – Community Partnership Manager, Power Pack

Heidi has been with Freestore Foodbank since February 2014, first with our volunteer department for one year, and now with our programs department as our Power Pack coordinator for eight years. Prior to working at Freestore, she attended culinary school and was a director at a before- and after-school program for five years. She is ServSafe certified, attends CPS school partner meetings, and is part of the SAFE (Systems to Achieve Food Equity) network group. She is a community advocate for the needs of local children and works to support the schools who need us most, coordination and supporting over 100 sites.

Trish Lampe – Strategic Product Sourcing Manager

Trish has been with Freestore Foodbank since June 2022. Prior to working at Freestore, she was the Administrative Services Manager for a medical respite for the homeless and was the assistant director of the Franciscan Friars Mission Office both nonprofit entities. Her experience also includes extensive background in the retail and wholesale supermarket industry. Amongst her job responsibilities is the sourcing and procurement of the components of the Power Pack program. Trish holds a BFA from Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH.

Michael Truitt – Director of Partner Agencies and Programs

Michael has been with Freestore Foodbank since 2018 after seven years in nonprofits and ten years of experience in leadership roles. He received his MBA from the College of Mount St. Joseph in 2019 with a focus on executive leadership and strategic management. Michael has worked to bring all partners up to compliance with Feeding America standards while improving online ordering procedures and encouraging closer relationships between staff members and our partners.

Kurt L. Reiber, our President & CEO has a salary of \$265,425.

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V. Project Budget and Narrative (Do not delete these instructions on your completed form).

Please provide a detailed line-item budget for your project by completing the budget form below. **The maximum requested amount is \$100,000 or 25% of your operating budget, whichever is less, OR the amount on your invitation to apply email.** Delineate your line items requests per example below:

- 90% of total request for the purchase of food items only. (Ex. Total request of \$100,000; 90% is \$90,000 for food)
- 10% of total request for **transportation** **OR** for **coordination** (Ex. Total request of \$100,000; 10% is \$10,000 for transportation)
- Canned tuna will not be funded.

Food items must be delineated (i.e. canned vegetables, soup, pasta, dried beans, rice, etc.). For each food item, indicate the cost per unit (pound, carton, case, etc.) and the quantity. See attached example.

Line Item Request	Line Item Explanation	Support From Your Agency	Support From Other Funders	Requested Amount From Gimbel	Line Item Total of Project
Coordination	0% of \$100,000 total request				
Personnel	Salary and benefits	\$0	\$191,496.00	\$0	\$191,496.00
Program Supplies	Bags, printing, etc.	\$0	\$39,820.00	\$0	\$39,820.00
Data/Communications	Phone, internet, etc.	\$0	\$2,378.00	\$0	\$2,378.00
Operating Needs	Accounting/payroll	\$0	\$1,369.00	\$0	\$1,369.00
Food Items	100% of \$100,000 total request				
Sunflower Kernels	1oz pack/450 per case/\$82.90 per case/	\$0	\$34,794.30	\$4,365.70/ 53 cases	\$39,160.00/ 473 cases
Mixed Cereal Bowls	1oz bowl/96 per case/\$21.66 per case	\$0	\$42,731.53	\$5,347.27/ 247 cases	\$48,078.80/ 2219 cases
Pudding Cup	3.5oz/22 per case/\$6.58 per case	\$0	\$36,634.64	\$7,090.36/ 1077 cases	\$43,725.00/ 6646 cases
Juice x2 (veggie/fruit)	4.23oz/44 per case/\$9.14 per case	\$0	\$78,156.00	\$9,844.00/ 1078 cases	\$88,000.00/ 9629 cases
Fruit Bar	1.3oz/300 per case/\$34.16 per case	\$0	\$22,234.69	\$2,697.90/ 79 cases	\$24,932.59/ 730 cases
Canned Beefaroni	15oz/24 per case/\$21.84 per case	\$0	\$171,853.88	\$21,562.79/ 988 cases	\$193,416.67/ 8857 cases

Canned Spaghetti and Meatballs	15oz/24 per case/\$24.59 per case	\$0	\$193,518.87	\$24,281.13/ 988 cases	\$217,800.00/ 8858 cases
Dick and Jane Educational Snacks	1oz/\$120 per case/\$26.62 per case	\$0	\$41,895.80	\$5,256.82/ 198 cases	\$47,152.62/ 1772 cases
Applesauce Squeeze – Musselman	3.2oz/48 per case/\$15.90 per case	\$0	\$62,551.55	\$7,848.45/ 494 cases	\$70,400.00/ 4428 cases
Beef Stick	.5oz/288 per case/\$143.08 per case	\$0	\$87,013.25	\$11,705.58/ 82 cases	\$98,785.92/ 691 cases
TOTALS:		\$0	\$1,006,447.51	\$100,000.00	\$1,106,514.60

Provide a narrative for the line item Transportation OR Coordination.

This request is not over 25% of our overall budget. 100% of this request is for food items only.

Because of issues with rounding, the cost breakdown of each item for 23,697 packs was slightly over \$100,000.00 at \$100,067.09. We removed the additional \$67.09 from the beef stick to make the grant request an even \$100,000.00.

All food items are one per pack except two of the juice items are included.

We include all remaining support under “Support from Other Funders” because we plan to fundraise the remaining amount needed.

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VI. Sources of Funding: Please list your current sources of funding and amounts.

Secured/Awarded

Name of Funder: Foundation, Corporation, Government, Individual donors, In-Kind, Other (specify)	Amount
Pfau Foundation	\$50,000
Maeshewa Farm Foundation	\$45,000
FA Schwans Child Food	\$20,000
CareSource Foundation	\$18,810
William P. Anderson Foundation	\$12,000
Robert Gould Foundation	\$10,000
Jim Foote Foundation	\$6,000
Scripps Howard Foundation	\$5,000
Academy of Medicine Cincinnati	\$5,000
Owens & Minor Foundation	\$5,000
International Paper Foundation	\$3,000
Erie Insurance	\$1,000
Individuals	\$185,752

*This represents funding secured for the Power Pack program this school year. This grant will be used in the next fiscal year, but many donors are expected to return at similar levels.

As the largest childhood hunger prevention program of Freestore Foodbank, our Board of Directors and Leadership staff have approved the current budget presented in the above section. If required, we will utilize more unrestricted funding to make this program possible; however, this does pull vital funds from other deserving programs and social services. This program traditionally fundraises for most of its needs successfully each year. It has never retracted support from a school site in its nearly 20-year history. This is because we're careful to grow only when it's sustainable for the program.

Pending

Name of Funder: Foundation, Corporation, Government, Individual donors, Other (specify)	Amount	Decision Date
Johnson & Johnson Foundation	\$20,000	4/30/2023
Alpha Gamma Delta	\$10,000	4/30/2023
Individuals	\$60,000+	6/30/2023

Diversity of Funding Sources: A financially healthy organization should have a diverse mix of funding sources. Complete those categories that apply to your organization using figures from your most recent fiscal year.

Funding Source	Amount	% of Total Revenue
Individual Donor Support	\$10,845,910	49%
Corporate Support	\$2,607,482	12%

Special Events	1,360,434	6%
Foundations	\$2,605,866	12%
Government Contracts	\$2,444,686	11%
Organizations (United Way, etc.)	\$1,437,817	6%
Freestore Foundation	\$1,003,0128	4%

Notes:

The above represents the entire organization, not just the Power Pack program.

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VII. Financial Analysis

Agency Name: Freestore Foodbank

Most Current Fiscal Year (Dates): From: 7/1/2022 To: 6/30/2023

This section presents an overview of an applicant organization's financial health and will be reviewed along with the grant proposal. Provide all the information requested on your **entire organization**. Include any notes that may explain any extraordinary circumstances. Information should be taken from your most recent 990 and audit. **Double check your figures!**

Form 990, Part IX: Statement of Functional Expenses

(This should be your recently filed Form 990 and should not be more than 2 years old)

1) Transfer the totals for each of the columns, Line 25- Total functional expenses (page 10)

(A) Total Expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management & general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
\$89,645,569	\$84,676,805	\$2,697,583	\$2,271,181

2) Calculate the percentages of Columns B, C, and D, over A (per totals above)

- Program services (B) – A general rule is that at least 75% of total expenses should be used to support programs
- Management & general administration (C) – A general rule is that no more than 15% of total expenses should be used for management & general expenses
- Fundraising (D) – A general rule is that no more than 10% of total expenses should be used for fundraising

(A) Total Expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management & general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
	Columns B / A x 100	Columns C / A x 100	Columns D / A x 100
Must equal 100%	94.45%	3.00%	2.55%

3) Calculate the difference between your CURRENT year budget for management & general expenses and your previous management & general expenses per your 990 (Column C)

Percentage of Organization's <u>Current</u> Total Budget used for Administration	Column C, Management & general expenses per 990 above	Differential
2.56%	3.00%	.44%

If the differential is above (+) or below (-) **10%**, provide an explanation:

N/A

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Quick Ratio: Measures the level of liquidity and measures only current assets that can be quickly turned to cash. A generally standard Quick Ratio equals 1 or more.

Cash	+ Accounts Receivables	/Current Liabilities	= Quick Ratio
\$19,447,643	\$5,705,886	\$3,693,526	6.81

Excess or Deficit for the Year:

Excess or (Deficit) Most recent fiscal year end	Excess or (Deficit) Prior fiscal year end
\$1,420,425	\$14,321,577

Notes:

The excess in our prior fiscal year was caused by donations made toward our Growing Beyond Hunger capital campaign as well as additional in-kind and COVID food related donations, which we continued to spend down to support the ongoing needs of our community.

VIII. EMAIL TWO PDF files to Gimbel@iegives.org

A. One PDF file of the following, #1 to #5

B. Second PDF file of the following, #6 & #7

#1	Completed Grant Application Form (cover sheet, narrative), budget page and budget narrative (see sample) and sources of funding, financial analysis page	#6	A copy of your most recent year-end financial statements (audited if available)
#2	Your current operating budget and the previous year's actual expenses (see sample Budget Comparison)	#7	A copy of your most recent 990. Please make sure that the Form 990 you submit is no more than two (2) years old.
#3	Part IX <u>only</u> of the 990 form, Statement of Functional Expenses (one page). Please make sure that the Form 990 you submit is no more than two (2) years old.		
#4	For past grantees, a copy of your most recent final report.		
#5	A copy of your current 501(c)(3) letter from the IRS		

SAMPLE Budget Comparison

	Actuals Most Recently Completed Year	Budget Projections Current Year	Variance
	20____	20____	
Income			
Individual Contributions	-	-	-
Corporate Contributions	-	-	-
Foundation Grants	-	-	-
Government Contributions	-	-	-
Other Earned Income	-	-	-
Other Unearned Income	-	-	-
Interest & Dividend Income	-	-	-
Total Income	-	-	-
Expenditures			
Personnel			
Salary CEO – Required	-	-	-
Staff Salary (total)	-	-	-
Payroll Taxes	-	-	-
Insurance - Workers' Comp	-	-	-
Insurance - Health	-	-	-
Payroll Services	-	-	-
Retirement	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-
General Program/Administrative			
Bank/Investment Fee	-	-	-
Publications	-	-	-
Conferences & Meetings	-	-	-
Mileage	-	-	-
Audit & Accounting	-	-	-
Program Consultants	-	-	-
Insurance Expense	-	-	-
Telephone Expense - Land Lines	-	-	-
DSL & Internet	-	-	-
Website	-	-	-
Office Supplies	-	-	-
Postage & Delivery	-	-	-
Printing & Copying	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
Total General Program/Administrative	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	-	-	-
Revenue Less Expense	-	-	-

S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund
Food Grant Application

III. Project Budget SAMPLE

Project Budget and Narrative (Do not delete these instructions on your completed form).

Please provide a detailed line-item budget for your project by completing the budget form below.

The maximum requested amount is \$100,000 or 25% of your operating budget, whichever is less. Delineate your line items requests per examples below:

- 90% of total request for the purchase of food items only. (Ex. Total request of \$100,000; 90% is \$90,000 for food)
- 10% of total request for transportation **OR** for coordination (Ex. Total request of \$100,000; 10% is \$10,000 for transportation)
- Canned tuna will not be funded.

Food items must be delineated (i.e. canned vegetables, soup, pasta, dried beans, rice, etc.).

For each food item, indicate the cost per unit (pound, carton, case, etc.) and the quantity. See attached example.

Line Item	Line Item Description	Requested Amount
<i>Eggs</i>	15 dz/case, \$12/case , 400 cases	\$ 4,800
<i>Fresh Milk</i>	½ gallon 1%, \$2/unit , 19,600 units delivered	\$39,200
<i>Oil</i>	12 32 oz case, \$23/case , 400 cases	\$ 9,200
<i>Frozen Chicken Breast</i>	75 ind. wrapped breasts/case, \$115/case , 320 cases	\$36,800
<i>Coordination</i>	10% of \$100,000 total request	\$10,000
TOTAL:		\$100,000



Freestore Foodbank	Fiscal Year 2022 (Audited)	Fiscal Year 2023 Budget	Variance
REVENUE			
Unrestricted Contributions	\$ 11,420,572	\$ 8,917,010	\$ (2,503,562)
FSFB Foundation	\$ 891,128	\$ 966,484	\$ 75,356
Restricted Contributions	\$ 3,481,836	\$ 2,836,240	\$ (645,596)
Customer Program Fees	\$ 89,123	\$ 85,956	\$ (3,167)
Shared Maintenance Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Shipping Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Government Service Contracts	\$ 4,778,301	\$ 4,516,221	\$ (262,080)
Non-Government Service Contracts/United Way	\$ 702,825	\$ 505,981	\$ (196,844)
Purchased Product Resale	\$ 1,232,458	\$ 1,280,995	\$ 48,537
Special Events	\$ 1,388,934	\$ 1,750,100	\$ 361,166
Social Enterprises	\$ 134,933	\$ 138,000	\$ 3,067
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 42,247	\$ 21,910	\$ (20,337)
Total Revenue	\$ 24,162,357	\$ 21,018,897	\$ (3,143,460)

EXPENSES			
Personnel (salaries and benefits)	\$ 9,765,610	\$ 10,758,438	\$ 992,828
Facilities	\$ 1,248,557	\$ 1,303,161	\$ 54,604
Vehicles	\$ 310,270	\$ 323,944	\$ 13,674
Data & Communication Equipment	\$ 416,535	\$ 441,884	\$ 25,349
Operating	\$ 3,570,960	\$ 3,643,743	\$ 72,783
Purchased Product	\$ 1,385,946	\$ 1,393,395	\$ 7,449
Specific Assistance	\$ 30,647,043	\$ 4,573,267	\$ (26,073,776)
Depreciation	\$ 331,578	\$ 556,065	\$ 224,487
Total Expenses	\$ 47,676,499	\$ 22,993,897	\$ (24,682,602)

Revenues Over/(Under) Expenses	\$ (23,514,142)	\$ (1,975,000)	\$ 21,539,142
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Our fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. This account represents our internal budget, which does not include the value of in-kind food donations. These are calculated during the annual audit. Year-end calculations of in-kind food donations account for approximately \$40-55 million and are combined with the Corwine Foundation during the audit process. Shared maintenance and shipping fees are being covered by Freestore Foodbank rather than requesting a small fee from our partners to expand food access during the pandemic. The deficit is planned to spend-out funding received late last fiscal year in order to support the COVID-19 increase in food needs of the region.

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	17,870,617.	17,870,617.		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	922,470.	471,513.	309,096.	141,861.
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	6,403,342.	4,792,795.	940,634.	669,913.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	1,492,035.	934,850.	423,426.	133,759.
10 Payroll taxes	604,627.	366,836.	175,879.	61,912.
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal	547,818.	475,142.	57,745.	14,931.
c Accounting	90,173.	73,477.	11,911.	4,785.
d Lobbying	12,170.		12,170.	
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	954,803.			954,803.
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	554,854.	462,499.	53,295.	39,060.
12 Advertising and promotion	240,425.	148,551.	3,250.	88,624.
13 Office expenses	190,044.	157,631.	24,989.	7,424.
14 Information technology	417,226.	190,124.	137,675.	89,427.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	1,316,219.	1,209,539.	81,269.	25,411.
17 Travel	156,528.	37,134.	114,280.	5,114.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest	229,014.	135,447.	89,310.	4,257.
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	309,060.	288,257.	20,563.	240.
23 Insurance	65,812.	33,535.	28,510.	3,767.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a FOOD & HEALTH DISTRIB.	52,538,502.	52,538,502.		
b ASSISTANCE TO CLIENTS	2,157,369.	2,157,369.		
c FOOD PURCHASES	1,476,409.	1,476,409.		
d DUES AND FEES	438,152.	228,726.	199,050.	10,376.
e All other expenses	657,900.	627,852.	14,531.	15,517.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	89,645,569.	84,676,805.	2,697,583.	2,271,181.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

INLAND EMPIRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Please complete the form and type your answers directly underneath the questions. Leave one space between numbered questions.

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

1. Name of your Organization

Freestore Foodbank

2. Grant #

22438

3. Grant Amount:

\$100,000

4. Date Awarded (date on award letter)

May 12, 2023

5. Grant Period (Indicate start date and end date per Grant Agreement)

May 16, 2022-May 15, 2023

6. Location of your Organization (City, State)

Cincinnati, OH

7. Name and Title of person completing evaluation

Cait Bothwell, Foundation Relations Officer

8. Phone Number

513-482-7095

9. Email Address

grants@freestorefoodbank.org

KEY OUTCOMES AND RESULTS

10. Total number of clients served through this grant funding:

A) Per original grant application, what is the estimate number served:

The grant application stated the funding would be used to purchase all 12 food items in our Power Pack bags for local children. \$100,000 would make 27,426 bags possible, serving 3,981 students each Friday over seven weeks. The program was stated to serve 105 sites, or 5,600 weekly students, equaling over 205,000 Power Packs distributed.

We planned to purchase each of the 12 food items, with one of each item (except for juice, which has two items) going into each pack provided. Because many students receive packs every weekend, while others receive them on a limited basis due to a sudden emergency, we estimated that an unduplicated 3,918 children would be supported through this grant. This was to be used over seven weeks to support nearly 70 of our Power Pack sites.

B) Actual number served:

The Power Pack program served 69 sites and 3,726 unduplicated children. The program performed as planned, with packs distributed once again during the summer months. However, because some areas moved to a School Pantry model and others felt like lunches and afterschool programs were now covering their needs post-pandemic, we did not reach our goal of 105 sites. Teacher turnover could also have affected the continuation of some sites, and we are working to reengage those sites.

DID THE COST OF FOOD CHANGE? MENTION THAT HERE.

Approximately 27,426 is the number of units this grant funding purchased for 11 items in each pack. These went into 27,426 packs to support the needs of 3,726 weekly students over seven weeks.

The cost of food did change throughout this grant period. We also changed vendors for some of the items, which affected the costs. Please see the following table with details on the cost of food.

Power Pack Item	Original Cost	Updated Cost	Projected Expense	Actual Expense
Sunflower Seeds	1oz pack/150 per case/\$27.75 per case	Vendor 1: 1oz pack/150 per case/\$33.69 per case Vendor 2: 1oz pack/250 per case/\$73.25 per case	\$28,269	\$51,768
Whole Grain Cereal	1oz bowl/96 per case/\$15.68 per case	.75 oz bowl/96 per case/\$18.80 per case	\$24,957	\$29,278
Pudding	3.5oz/48 per case/\$10.84 per case	Vendor 1: 3.5oz/48 per case/\$10.57 per case	\$34,498	\$28,920

		Vendor 2: 2.25oz/32 per case/\$7.19 per case		
Juice x2 (veggie/fruit)	4.23oz/44 per case/\$8.55 per case	Vendor 1: 4.23oz/40 per case/\$8.44 per case Vendor 2: 4.23oz/44 per case/\$7.80 per case	\$59,359	\$46,165
Fruit Bar	1.3oz/72 per case/\$14.76 per case	Vendor 1: 1oz/300 per case/\$51.00 Vendor 2: 1oz/300 per case/\$33.99 per case	\$31,324	\$28,453
Cheez-Its	.74oz/60 per case/\$10.40 per case	--	\$26,491	\$0
Canned Beef Ravioli	15oz/24 per case/\$19.28 per case	15oz/24 per case/\$21.04 per case	\$120,843	\$137,349
Canned Spaghetti and Meatballs	15oz/24 per case/\$19.28 per case	15oz/24 per case/\$23.65 per case	\$122,782	\$122,947
Cracker Educational Snacks	1oz/30 per case/\$5.04 per case	1oz/120 per case/\$25.72 per case	\$25,696	\$32,921
Applesauce Squeeze	3.2oz/72 per case/\$25.43 per case	3.2oz/48 per case/\$20.29 per case	\$53,974	\$87,156
Dried Turkey Meat Stick	.5oz/288 per case/\$100.78 per case	Vendor 1: .5oz/288 per case/\$129.32 per case Vendor 2: .5oz/384 per case/\$153.60 per case	\$53,470	\$67,642
			\$763,917	\$809,306

Grant funding supported most of the food items we anticipated, apart from Cheez-Its, which were not easily attainable due to supply chain issues and increased costs. Even after removing

Cheez-It's from the pack, this grant funding remained critical as prices rose for nearly all other items.

11. Describe the project's key outcomes and results based on the goals and objectives. (Include the program accomplishments as a result of the Gimbel grant AND for the entire program.

Please make the distinction between the Gimbel funded program accomplishments and the total organizational program, as a whole).

Goal:

Improve the nutritional value provided to local children to enhance overall well-being and learning potential.

We aimed to serve 3,918 weekly students through 69 school sites across 13 counties in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana, providing vital nutrition to hungry children throughout the school year. The goal for this funding was to support the purchase of all 12 of the components of the Power Pack, making 27,426 packs possible.

Our goal for the program and this funding was to make sure food-insecure children received vital food assistance over the weekend to ensure their overall health and ability to learn, particularly on Monday mornings. To make this possible, we focused on the number of children served with our pre-packaged food assistance bags, which have a dozen healthy offerings to support supplemental needs over the weekend.

Activities:

Objective: In terms of specific quantifiable criteria:

A) Per original grant application:

Funding was requested to support the purchase of food items to complete our Power Pack weekend bags of food assistance for elementary-age children found to be food insecure by school staff. This essential assistance allows children to focus on school rather than their hunger, particularly on Monday mornings. It also allows families to form a stronger connection with schools, reaching out for help when needed and learning about other potential resources. This food assistance ultimately supported local children's development and learning potential, allowing them to grow and thrive.

This grant funding was requested to purchase all 12 key items in the packs, including sunflower seeds, whole grain cereal, pudding, juice (veggie/fruit), fruit bar, Cheez-It crackers, canned beef ravioli, canned spaghetti and meatballs, educational snack (crackers), applesauce squeeze pack, and dried turkey meat stick. By supporting all 12 central pack items, this grant assisted in ensuring a consistent and healthy pack.

B) Actual grant outcome, results, accomplishments:

This past year, we continued to adapt models and processes to meet the changing needs of local children, providing more than 27,000 packs and reaching over 3500 students during the seven-week grant period.

Overall, grant funding supported just under the number of students expected and most of the food items we anticipated, except Cheez-Its, which were not easily attainable due to supply chain issues and increased costs. With the removal of Cheez-It's from the pack, this grant funding remained critical as prices rose for nearly all other items.

Because of confidentiality issues dealing with schools and minors, we do not receive a complete list of pack recipients; only the total number of children served, and monthly reports on any changes, issues, or best practices are to be shared with the network.

12. Describe any challenges/obstacles the organization encountered (if any) in attaining goals and objectives.

The main challenge we faced during this grant period was increased food costs. This drastically increased the cost of the program overall. The rise in food costs is a complex issue attributed to various factors, such as supply chain disruptions, labor shortages, and rising energy costs. According to a report by the United Nations, food prices rose for the twelfth consecutive month in November 2022, with the Food and Agriculture Organization's food price index reaching its highest level since 2014. In particular, staple foods such as grains, vegetable oils, and sugar has increased significantly. This has resulted in high costs for food producers, ultimately leading to higher consumer prices. In addition, the ongoing labor shortages and transportation disruptions have also caused logistical issues in the food supply chain, further driving up prices.

A way this directly impacted Freestore Foodbank is with one of our Power Pack items, Cheez-Its. We had planned to include these in our Power Packs for the current school year. Still, between price increases and overall availability, we had to remove them from our Power Packs. We had planned on purchasing cases of 60 at \$10.40 per case, equaling approximately \$0.17 per unit. Unfortunately, the price increased to nearly \$0.25 per unit and was consistently unavailable. We continue to reevaluate the cost and availability of this item in hopes that we can add it back to the pack.

This year we have also seen an increase in the need for Power Packs. During most school years, we usually have 2-3 schools requesting a boost, but this school year, we have had over 20 schools needing additional packs. Additionally, we started the year with 101 Power Pack sites, and three have chosen to transition to our School Pantry program, indicating a community's larger need beyond the capacity and cost-effectiveness of the Power Pack program.

13. How did you overcome and/or address the challenges and obstacles?

Even with the increase in food costs, our program manager and sourcing manager have worked hard to find items that are still nutritious and good quality at a lower or reasonable price, committing to not depleting the nutritional value of each pack.

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

The pandemic completely changed how we support our community and continues to present challenges even as we enter the post-pandemic era. This has highlighted the importance of the Power Pack program and other feeding programs at school sites. We've seen more sites requesting increases in packs, and some areas are seeing enough of an increase that they have switched to our School Pantry program to support primarily older children and families. This has meant that everyone involved, from site coordinators to supplies, have worked harder than ever to ensure we can make these programs possible.

15. Briefly describe the impact this grant has had on the organization and community served.

Your contribution meant we could maintain complete, nutritionally dense packs rather than switching to cheaper packs during the year or reducing the number of packs provided. The community's needs have remained high throughout the pandemic, especially as supplemental government programs ended. Ongoing support meant that we could increase overall food to the community while also maintaining our current plans for vital programs like Power Pack and dedicating the time and resources needed to ensure we continued to reach people in need despite necessary changes in model and process. Your support directly provided the central ingredients of the pack for over 27,000 packs, serving nearly 4,000 local children over seven weeks during the grant period.

BUDGET

16. Please provide a budget expenditure report. Also, provide a budget narrative that explains how the funds were utilized, what was purchased, what were the expenses items based upon the **original budget submitted and approved**. Use the form below and expand as needed:

Line Item Request	Line Item Explanation	Support From Your Agency	Support From Other Funders	Requested Amount From Gimbel	Line Item Total of Project	Actual Line Item Expense
Personnel	Salary and benefits	\$0	\$142,180	\$0	\$142,180	\$143,646
Program Supplies	Bags, printing, etc.	\$0	\$36,661	\$0	\$36,661	\$32,761
Data/Communications	Phone, internet, etc.	\$0	\$2,280	\$0	2,208	\$300
Operating Needs	Accounting/payroll	\$0	\$1,204	\$0	1,204	\$0

Sunflower seeds	1 1oz pack per Power Pack/150 per case/\$27.75 per case	\$0	\$23,195	\$5,074/ 183 cases	\$28,269	\$51,768/ 1866 cases
Whole grain cereal	1 1oz bowl per Power Pack/96 per case/\$15.68 per case	\$0	\$20,478	\$4,489/ 287 cases	\$24,957	\$29,278/ 1868 cases
Pudding	1 3.5oz cup per Power Pack/48 per case/\$10.84 per case	\$0	\$28,306	\$6,192/ 572 cases	\$34,498	\$28,920/ 2668 cases
Juice (veggie/fruit)	2 4.23oz juices per Power Pack/44 per case/\$8.55 per case	\$0	\$53,106	\$6,253/ 732 cases	\$59,359	\$46,165/ 5400 cases
Fruit bar	1 1.3oz bar per Power Pack/72 per case/\$14.76 per case	\$0	\$25,702	\$5,622/ 381 cases	\$31,324	\$28,453/ 1928 cases
Cheez-it crackers	1 .74oz bag per Power Pack/60 per case/\$10.40 per case	\$0	\$21,736	\$4,755/ 458 cases	\$26,491	\$0/ 0 cases
Canned beef ravioli	1 15oz can per Power Pack/24 per case/\$19.28 per case	\$0	\$99,154	\$21,690/ 11 25 cases	\$120,843	\$137,349/ 7124 cases
Canned spaghetti with meatballs	1 15oz per Power Pack/24 per case/\$19.28 per case	\$0	\$100,744	\$22,038/ 11 44 cases	\$122,782	\$122,947/ 6377 cases
Cracker educational snack	1 1oz bag per Power Pack/30 per case/\$5.04 per case	\$0	\$21,084	\$4,612/ 915 cases	\$25,696	\$32,921/ 6532 cases
Applesauce squeeze	1 3.2oz pouch per Power Pack/72 per	\$0	\$44,286	\$9,688/ 381 cases	\$53,974	\$87,156/ 3428 cases

	case/\$25.43 per case					
Dried turkey meat stick	1 .5oz stick per Power Pack/288 per case/\$100.78 per case	\$0	\$43,873	\$9,597/ 96 cases	\$53,470	\$67,642/ 672 cases
TOTALS:		\$0	\$663,917	\$100,000	\$763,917	\$809,306

Your grant allowed us to purchase approximately 27,426 of each of the 11 items (sunflower seeds, whole grain cereal, pudding, juice (veggie/fruit), fruit bar, canned beef raviolo, canned spaghetti with meatballs, cracker educational snack, applesauce squeeze, and dried turkey meat stick) for our Power Packs over a seven-week period.

SUCCESS STORIES

17. Please tell us ONE success story.

One of our site leaders had a student living with a grandparent on a fixed income with another 21-year-old grandchild also in the home and not working. This student mentioned to their teacher that they sometimes had no food in the house and no dinner the evening before or breakfast that morning. The teacher was well-equipped to handle this situation and immediately filled out a referral form.

“Thanks to all who donate to the Freestore Foodbank, we made sure he had food to take home that Friday. Thank you!”



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Employer Identification Number: 23-7122205
Person to Contact: Mrs. K Hopton
Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your Mar. 29, 2012, request for information regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that you were recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in a determination letter issued in December 1971.

Our records also indicate that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Please refer to our website www.irs.gov/eo for information regarding filing requirements. Specifically, section 6033(j) of the Code provides that failure to file an annual information return for three consecutive years results in revocation of tax-exempt status as of the filing due date of the third return for organizations required to file. We will publish a list of organizations whose tax-exempt status was revoked under section 6033(j) of the Code on our website beginning in early 2011.