

Executive Director's Report

Hearts & Lives Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday ~ July 8, 2009 3:00 PM

Coldwell Banker Board Room – Blue Jay

The specific purpose of Hearts & Lives is to be a not-for-profit resource center that provides direct aid or referrals to other organizations for those affected by a disaster, natural or man-made, or by socio-economic circumstances in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) 3.

Tax I.D. 20-0867845

Mission Statement

To improve the quality of life of all Rim Community mountain residents, especially low-income and disadvantaged individuals/families, those affected by disasters and/or unforeseen circumstances and to provide a model for future disasters. This is accomplished by:

- (1) Building a community of support.
- (2) Educating the community.
- (3) Participating in coalitions with other advocates.
- (4) Continuing to seek new resources and partnerships.

I. Disaster Recovery

Long Term Recovery (LTR):

On June 19th received **\$6,984.84** donation from Lake Arrowhead Community Presbyterian Church. This amount, given on behalf of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, was added to the "Long Term Recovery Fund" bringing Hearts and Lives grand total for this fund to: \$735,928.71. **The Long Term Recovery Committee advises that they are scheduled to meet again in early September at which time they will review a minimum of 5 clients.** There is a possibility all funds will be awarded by the end of September.

Awarded to date (as of July 3, 2009):

Hearts & Lives:	\$424,475
Catholic Charities:	\$ 84,847

TOTAL (7 clients)	\$509,322
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H & L has remaining to distribute: \$311,454

Director of Community Recovery: See attached report submitted by Cheryl Nagy

II. Rim Communities Resource Network:

REFERRAL SERVICE

"Together We Can Make A Difference"

One of our goals is to provide a network of resources and coordinate dissemination of these resources and information to residents within the Rim Communities that have unmet needs.

Unmet needs are defined as economic, physical, social and/or emotional needs that cannot be met by the residents own resources. These needs may be created as a result of a physical disaster (fire, flood, earthquake, etc.), unexpected job loss, illness, or other unexpected circumstances.

- Attached is a "DRAFT" copy of the minutes from the RCRN June 10th meeting.
- SBC Emergency Food and Shelter Program awarded Hearts & Lives, under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) \$24,000. Julie Burnette and Joy Drury attended the mandatory training regarding administration of the program. We have received the 1st half of the ARRA funding (\$12,000). No administrative expenses may be charged to ARRA funding. Our allotment was assigned as follows:

\$ 6,000	Food Vouchers
\$ 1,000	Food Pantry (H&L)
<u>\$17,000</u>	Rent/Mortgage
\$24,000	Total allotment to October 31, 2009

*** We will be applying for additional funding (deadline July 27th) under the next funding cycle.

III. First 5:

All contract requirements were exceeded for contract year 2008 - 2009.

We will have the final report to share at the next Board Meeting. In addition, at the Board Meeting will have the final report summarizing "Case Management Statistics" for fiscal year 2008 – 2009. This will break out Fire/Disaster, First 5 and Unmet Needs.

Upcoming Projects:

July 17th – 21st We will be coordinating meetings with Bill Dexter, who will be reporting on "***Having It Built: A Survival Guide to Purchasing Construction Services***". All of Mr. Dexter's services and material are offered at "no charge". We will also be working on coordinating with Association of Building Contractors and local residents regarding "***The Residential Contractor's Model Contract Course***" this is a self-study course on writing effective construction agreements for residential projects.

Grant update:

Arrowhead United Way: We were not funded

- Focus area-Basic Needs, Case Management in the amount of \$35,000.
- Focus area – PIQE, in the amount of \$10,000

Bank of America- “Neighborhood Excellence Initiative”, Grant for \$200,000, over two year period submitted ~ winners to be advised no later than October 31, 2009.

Board of Supervisors, San Bernardino County: On June 23rd, the final BOS meeting for FY 08-09, a \$30,000 allocation from the County’s 2008-2009 Board Elective Projects budget was granted to Hearts and Lives. This funding is in support of our efforts to provide coordinated assistance to victims of the 2003 Old Fire, and the Grass Valley and Slide Fires of 2007. They stated.... *“This allocation will benefit residents of the Rim Communities by providing financial assistance to Hearts & Lives in support of their rebuilding and disaster recovery efforts, and to help facilitate their role as a coordinator on behalf of the citizens and volunteer organizations, for rebuilding and debris removal efforts resulting from the ravages of the 2003 Old Fire, and the Grass Valley and Slide Fires of 2007.*

Miscellaneous:

6/14 Benefit Concert for Hearts & Lives. (See attached report from Director of Community Recovery)

6/22 – 6/24 Attended National Conference on Volunteerism and Service June Moscone Center, San Francisco, CA. Cheryl Nagy lead a 90 minute workshop entitled: *“Community-Based Volunteer Manned Disaster Response Program”*.

6/25 Rim of the World School District, at their monthly Board Meeting, presented,” on behalf of County Superintendent of Education, Dr. Gary Thomas, Ed.D. to H&L the *“Education Medal of Honor – 2009 Nominee’ Award.* Board members Maser, Porter, Stanley and Braden were in attendance along with staff members Bev Rios, Cheryl Nagy and Patricia Valles.

NOTE: Smith Marion & Co, an accountancy corp. will be conducting complete fiscal audit for FY 09–10. Should be completed by Aug, 09.

Ready-Respond-Recovery Alliance: This is the project that Ira Maser has undertaken and donated his time to complete. He will give an update on his efforts regarding this project and report on results from meeting Tuesday, July 7th with Sempra Energy Foundation.

Upcoming Calendar:

- 7/16** 9:00 am ~ Cheryl Nagy and I will be meeting with Supervisor Neil Derry, George Watson, Chief of Staff and Jamie Garland, Mountain Representative for 3rd District to discuss H & L's role and County support per grant contract running from 7/1/09 – 12/31/09.
- 7/21** 10:30 am ~ **COAD/Ready-Respond-Recover Alliance Meeting** ~ Fire Station #91 Lake Arrowhead
- 7/28** 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Salvation Army HQ, Pasadena. Cheryl Nagy and I will be attending **Annual General Meeting, Emergency Network Los Angeles, - National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster.**
- 8/5** 3:00 pm ~ **Board of Directors Meeting** – Blue Jay, Coldwell Banker Board Room
- 8/6** 12:00 Noon ~ Speaking at **Crest Forest Women's Club Luncheon**, San Moritz Lodge, Crestline/Lake Gregory.
- 8/12** 2:00 pm ~ **Rim Resource Network Meeting** ~ Fire Station #91 Lake Arrowhead.