



Through Collaboration Helping To Put The Resource "Puzzle" Together

Executive Director's Report

March 9, 2010 ~ 3:30 pm

A strength shown by Hearts & Lives has been its ability to see a problem, create a solution, implement and execute a plan

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Tax I.D. 20-0867845 ~ Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) 3.

VISION

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):

As of March 5, 2010 we have **\$8,845.41** remaining to award. Case workers are already working with a family who were fire survivors and need assistance to install required retaining walls. We expect to submit the case to the Board for review by mid-March.

Current balance of "Awarded", but work not yet completed: **\$159,021.65**. To date, **\$568,061.65** has been expended for completed construction. (Hearts & Lives "Long Term Recovery Fund totaled: **\$735,928.71**)

Initial edit of "**Life is Perilous**" video has been posted on the web site. See:

<http://www.heartsandlives.org/readyrespondrecover/lifeisunpredictable.html>

Director of Community Recovery: *(see report from Cheryl Nagy)*

FEMA's DRAFT "**National Disaster Recovery Plan**" issued on Feb. 5th requested comments by Feb 26th. We submitted the following observation:

The "Draft NDRF" is one of the best documents we have reviewed regarding the subject matter at hand. The document does an excellent job of outlining and framing a national disaster recovery strategy and what is needed. There is still a need to define and implement the program with a supporting "Business Plan" to assist communities in getting actively involved. Hearts & Lives (www.heartandlives.org) has developed such a plan following their involvement with two federally declared disasters that impacted our community (2003 Old Fire and 2007 Grass Valley and Slide Fires). To have an "active" plan in place Hearts & Lives developed "**Ready-Respond-Recover**" to include the necessary partners (Service Clubs, Faith Based Organizations, VOAD, COAD, CERT, Community Based Organizations, Non-Profits, etc.) --- all working in concert with federal, state and local governmental agencies. We would love to have the opportunity to share this concept, and the lessons learned, with those who will be developing the guidance and tools that will follow the publication of the NDRF.

We have been in contact with FEMA's office in Washington D.C. following up with Ms. Elizabeth Zimmerman, Deputy Associate Administrator, Response and Recovery with the hopes of working with her group regarding implementation of the NDRF. In addition, we have contacted Senator Joe Lieberman's office as he actively involved in this process. **See below**.....

US Senators criticize FEMA's proposed disaster recovery plan

FEMA's proposed national disaster recovery plan still has significant gaps, four leading senators have told Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano. Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Chairman Joe Lieberman, ID-Conn., and Ranking Member Susan Collins, R-Me., along with Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery Chairman Mary Landrieu, D-La., and Ranking Member Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., have submitted formal comments to the Secretary on the draft National Disaster Recovery Framework.....

Dear Secretary Napolitano:

As the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (the Committee) and as the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, we are writing to provide comments on the draft National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF). We ask that our letter be treated as a response to the request for comments in FEMA Docket ID FEMA-2010-0004 (75 Fed. Reg. 6681 (February 10, 2010)) and included as part of the public record in that matter. While we enthusiastically support the efforts of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide both strategic and operational guidance to recovery partners,

The Senator's 5 page letter to Secretary Napolitano advised that they have real concerns:*"As drafted .the report is lacking in the level of detail necessary to be operationally effective, including failing to directly state roles and responsibilities."*



II. Rim Communities Resource Network:

REFERRAL SERVICE

"Together We Can Make a Difference"

Rim Communities Resource Network (RCRN) is a collaborative effort of non-profit agencies, public agencies, local business organizations, service clubs, faith based groups, community organizations and community volunteers

One of the goals is to provide a network of resources and to coordinate dissemination of the resources and information to residents within the Rim Communities to maximize the effective distribution.

Note: Meeting was not held in February

III. First 5:

Remaining balance due from FY 2008-2009: **\$ 3,023.60**

Request for Proposal – RFP 10-01 for fiscal year 2010 – 2011 was submitted on February 18th. The tentative date for Award/Unsuccessful Proposal Letters is April 2, 2010, with tentative date for awarding of contract being June 2, 2010, effective date of contract July 1, 2010. *Will review details as Board Meeting.*

Grant update: *See attached report.*

Miscellaneous:

- Bev Rios and I will be attended Catholic Charities Community Partners Luncheon on March 4th celebrating their 30 years of service to San Bernardino/Riverside Counties.
- Working with Community Action Partnership assisting with distribution of \$108,000 for emergency needs.
- Disaster Preparedness presentation at Church of Woods, Saturday morning March 6th.
- Several staff and board members attended **"State of the County Presentation"** ~ Supervisor Neil Derry, 3rd District on February 18th.

Upcoming Calendar:

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| 3/10/10 | 9:00 am ~ 4:30 pm Volunteer Centers Ready to Respond – San Bernardino. Inland Empire United Way, Rancho Cucamonga |
| 3/10/10 | 2:00 pm ~ Rim Resource Network Meeting ~ Fire Station #91 |
| 3/12/10 | 8:30 am – 12:00 pm SBC Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) Meeting at SBC OES Office 1743 Miro Way, Rialto |
| 3/23/10 | 10:30 am ~ COAD/Ready-Respond-Recover Alliance Meeting
Fire Station # 91 – Lake Arrowhead |