



*Through Collaboration Helping To Put The Resource "Puzzle" Together*

## **Executive Director's Report ~ August, 2010 Activity Update**

Meeting September 8, 2010

### **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**

- **Note:** Expect to hear from the McCormick Foundation the week of September 13<sup>th</sup> regarding additional funds available for work related to 2007 wildfires and Disaster Preparation. If funded the monies will be used not only for rebuilding but in addition, mitigation, community training and follow-up with all the fire victims we served (approx 200 households) from the '07 fires. We were advised that the "Giving Committee" at McCormick Foundation approved the budget proposal we submitted and everything was in accordance with their grant guidelines.
- Director of Community Recovery: *(see report from Cheryl Nagy)*

## **II. Rim Communities Resource Network:**

<b>Note:</b> See "Draft" minutes from last meeting held – July 9, 2010
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## **III. First 5:**

1. August 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Two Staff Analyst's, Mary Jaquish and Rosy Nichols, visited our office and reviewed with our case workers the policy and procedures in effect at Hearts & Lives for case management.

2. Preliminary report from audit conducted on August 3<sup>rd</sup> resulted in \$10 being disallowed. Expect final audit report and final payment before December, 2010.

**Grant update:** (see notes above on McCormick Foundation)

**San Bernardino County Capacity Building Consortium:** We were selected to be one of 12 agencies to participate in a program funded by Weingart Foundation to implement a comprehensive capacity building project. The goal is to develop the project and receive funding from the Weingart Foundation. This will commit us to:

- Executive Director and at least one board member attend mandatory Project Orientation Session (Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>) and subsequent "Organizational Assessment" sessions.
- Time Commitment of Executive Director, one senior staff and at least one board member (6-8 hours per month).

**Bank of America: \$25,000** for administrative purposes.

*(Should hear sometime this month).*

**WIC (Women, Infants & Children)** we are waiting to hear from Betsy Cline, Nutrition Program Manager - SBC Dept. of Public Health, to see if we can serve as the 'Local Agency' to administer the program for the entire mountain top. This project would operate in concert and MOMS (Mothers on the Mountain) of Big Bear. Estimate is that the program would serve 1,200 clients on the mountain -- *note: it is estimated that there are approx 1,800 eligible clients on the mountain top*

### **Miscellaneous:**

- Continuing to work with Community Action Partnership assisting with distribution of funds for emergency needs. They have representative working out of our office every other Wednesday. Expect current funding to last until mid/late September.
- We are assisting with Food and Utilities under the "**Emergency Food and Shelter Program**". As of September 1<sup>st</sup> following balance remains:  
**Food: \$4,885**

**\*\*\* Have dispensed \$5,280 for utilities and \$13,835 for food...total \$19,115**

### **Upcoming Calendar:**

**9/8 2:00 pm ~ Rim Community Resource Committee**  
Fire Station # 91 – Lake Arrowhead

**9/28 10:10 am COAD/Ready-Respond-Recover Alliance Meeting**  
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