

PROJECTS FOR OCT 2019

1) MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS -FAMILIES FORWARD

Mission: Families Forward is a wraparound program of Mental Health Systems, Inc., a non-profit organization that serves at-risk youth and their families throughout San Diego County. Our mission statement is to “empower youth and families toward self-sufficiency through community partnerships.” We typically receive referrals through Psychiatric Hospitalizations, Children’s Welfare Services, and County Mental Health Services, with the goal of helping youth stay in their homes, in their schools, and out of the probation or child welfare systems.

Our clients who are older than 12 years are unable to receive gifts from other agencies due to the age limit. At this time we ask for assistance as the Christmas Holiday is approaching, and if Focus is able to assist in providing gifts for teens ages 12-18 years old.

Purchase: Various Christmas gift items as provided by case workers for teenagers aged 12-18 yrs old.

Amount: \$2,000

2) NEW ALTERNATIVES FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY

Mission: Local non-profit that supports foster children in homes and operates foster care facilities to ensure that all children are raised in a loving, safe and supportive environment.

Purchase: Christmas gifts for foster children aged 5 to 18 yrs old, whose foster parents can’t afford to buy one. Currently have 36 children on Christmas list. One gift is provided to each child to open at New Alternatives Christmas party.

Amount: \$2000

3) Hidden Treasures Foundation (HTF)

Mission: HTF is a coalition of caring people dedicated to the healing and restoration of children (ages 12-18) victimized by the sex slavery of the human trafficking industry. Believing that her past does not have to equal her future, we provide a family environment that is unprecedented in healing and rehabilitation--a safe sanctuary with holistic, trauma informed care in which each girl can thrive.

HTF has received licensing approval from CA to open in Dec 2019, the first facility for minors (foster children or formerly involved with law enforcement) in San Diego county specifically to meet the needs of children who have been sex trafficked. The new facility is located in Escondido and will house up to 6 girls.

Purchase: Items to complete their study/classroom space and food for first month they are open (Dec 2019).

Amount: \$4000

Total cost of OCT projects: \$8000