

PROJECTS FOR NOV/DEC 2019

FATHER JOES' VILLAGES THERAPEUTIC CHILDCARE PROGRAM

Mission: The mission of Father Joe's Villages is to prevent and end homelessness one life at a time. We achieve our mission by providing outcome-based programs in the spirit of our CREED (Compassion, Respect, Empathy, Empowerment, Dignity). Our **Therapeutic Childcare Program** is designed to meet the needs of the entire family, with a special emphasis on addressing the particular challenges homeless infants, toddlers, preschoolers, school-aged children, and teenagers face. The goal of our Therapeutic Childcare Program is to prepare children experiencing homelessness and poverty for success in school and life, and to partner with parents to build strong, resilient, and more cohesive families.

Purchase: 12 BRITAX Marathon Clicktight Convertible Car Seats

Amount: \$4,000

URBAN STREET ANGELS (Special Request)

Mission: Our mission is to end youth homelessness by providing emergency overnight shelter, supportive housing, and job training opportunities to cultivate personal responsibility.

Purchase: We have **45 formerly homeless** youth in our bridge housing program. So we would like to provide holiday gifts for them, with the help of FOCUS and a few other community organizations. We will distribute holiday "wish lists" around the first of November, and ask each youth to list their requested 2 or 3 items, with a total value of no **more than \$50**.

Amount: Gifts for all 45 youths/\$2250

TRAVELING STORIES

Mission: Our primary goal at Traveling Stories is to empower kids to outsmart poverty by helping them fall in love with reading by the 4th grade! Last year we were able to help 2000 kids fall in love with reading! We currently have 6 StoryTents throughout the county of San Diego where kids read books with volunteers and earn money called Book Bucks, which they can redeem for prizes.

Purchase: To support their Annual Toy Drive Program, purchasing prizes used as incentives for reading.

Amount: \$2000

SAN YSIDRO HEALTH

Mission: San Ysidro Health (SYHealth) is a community clinic providing healthcare services (medical, dental, behavioral, and specialty healthcare) to more than 96,000 low-income patients throughout San Diego County's South, Southeast, and East Regions. SYHealth serves a predominantly Latino population with high rates of poverty, uninsured individuals, families with low education levels, and non-English speaking heads of households.

SYHealth provides a Medi-Cal funded program known as Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP). Seven SYHealth CPSP case managers (known as our "small but mighty team!") provide a wide range of culturally competent services to Medi-Cal pregnant women, from conception through 60 days postpartum. In addition to standard obstetric services, women in the CPSP program receive enhanced services in the areas of nutrition, psychosocial and health education – all aimed at giving every baby a healthy start in life.

SYHealth was fortunate to receive a donation several years ago to provide diaper bags, filled with helpful baby items, as incentives to participants who made it to a certain number of appointments (serving the dual purpose of added motivation to get to appointments, as well as providing much-needed items to expectant mothers with limited resources). Of note, prior to the diaper bag distribution project, CPSP

moms were attending an average of 4 appointments, and after the distribution began, they are averaging 8 visits. (Ideally they will attend approximately once per month throughout and several months following their pregnancy). Unfortunately the supply of diaper bags is running low.

Purchase: Diaper bags containing infant size disposable diapers, baby wipes and one/two onesie outfits for newborns.

Amount: \$2000

CASA DE AMPARO (ADDITIONAL REQ)

Mission: 13-18 year old females, who have been traumatized by severe child abuse or neglect stay at the Casa Kids Campus, a safe and nurturing setting in San Marcos CA. Each young girl/teenager receives comprehensive trauma informed care tailored to their individual physical, social, emotional developmental and educational needs.

Purchase: To support their Thanksgiving Dinner for 40 residents. Turkeys and decorating items have been donated but asking for side dishes, desserts, etc...

Amount: \$500

Total cost of Nov/Dec projects: \$10,750