

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: F.C. "Rocky" Rockholm, Supervisor, District 1 and Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor, District 2

DATE: December 11, 2007

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING – Approve appropriation of \$400 in Revenue Sharing monies to The People to People Student Ambassadors Program as requested by Supervisor Rockholm (\$150) and Supervisor Weygandt (\$250).

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve appropriation of \$400 in Revenue Sharing monies to The People to People Student Ambassadors Program as requested by Supervisor Rockholm (\$150) and Supervisor Weygandt (\$250).

BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS: In approving the following contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants therefore a benefit results to the County.

The Board of Supervisors is being asked once again to approve appropriations to help towards the cost of The People to People Student Ambassadors Program. Julia Schaeffer, an Eighth Grade Student at Twelve Bridges Middle School was nominated and selected to be a delegate of the People to People Student Ambassadors program to go to Australia and New Zealand. In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower founded this organization to promote world peace and understanding, to build bridges with other cultures and regions of the world. In 1963, the first student delegation was organized. Since then, thousands of Student Ambassadors have explored many fascinating destinations, from North America to Europe. They explore governments and economic systems, enjoying unique access to such places as the British and Australian Parliament. By participating in community service projects, meeting people of different cultures and backgrounds, and delving into history at home and abroad, Student Ambassadors make great strides as young leaders and citizens of the world. The funds designated towards this popular program will be used to help defray the cost associated with this student's trip to Australia and New Zealand.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.



Celebrating Five Decades of International Exchange

October 28, 2007

Robert Weygandt
Placer County Board of Supervisors
175 Fulweiler Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Supervisor Weygandt:

My name is Julia Schaeffer. I am an Eighth Grader at Twelve Bridges Middle School. I have lived in Lincoln all my life. I currently maintain a 4.0 GPA and am active on the school leadership team and am a member of the yearbook staff.

My older siblings, Joe and Jessica Schaeffer, have attended Lincoln schools since kindergarten, and are graduates of Lincoln High School. You may remember Jessica because ten years ago you and the Board of Supervisors helped her with tuition for a People to People Student Ambassador trip to Great Britain.

I was recently interviewed and accepted to be a delegate of the People to People Student Ambassador Program. As you know, President Dwight D. Eisenhower founded the organization in 1956. He believed that if people from different cultures could come together in peace and friendship, so eventually would countries. The objective of the program is to promote international understanding while building leadership skills among America's youth. The 19-day experience to Australia and New Zealand includes meetings with government officials, interaction with other students my age, educational activities, and home stays with host families.

People to People Student Ambassadors are carefully interviewed and evaluated before their acceptance. I am honored that I have been selected and will be allowed to follow in Jessica's footsteps. I am looking forward to learning more about the world and gaining a better understanding of the culture and history of the "Land Down Under." I want to present a positive image of America to the people I meet. Upon my return, I hope to share my experience with community members and organizations that have supported me.

The program tuition is \$6500, which includes all transportation, accommodations, meals and educational activities. I hope to raise most of the funds that I need to attend this conference. My parents are willing to provide the remaining amount needed. However, I would rather raise the funds myself.

I am writing you to ask for your support in order to help me achieve my goal. In addition to sponsorship funds, I will also be collecting CRV glass, plastic, and aluminum containers for recycling and collecting items for a MEGA yard sale in May, 2008.

If you have questions regarding the People to People Student Ambassador Program, please contact me or the People to People organization at (800) 669-7882. Additional information about the program is available at www.studentambassadors.org.

Thank you in advance for any help you may provide.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julia Schaeffer".

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