

**MEMORANDUM**  
OFFICE OF THE  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor, District 2

DATE: April 14&15, 2008

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING – Approve appropriation of \$200 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Acres of Hope “A Taste for Hope Event” as requested by Supervisor Weygandt (\$200).

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

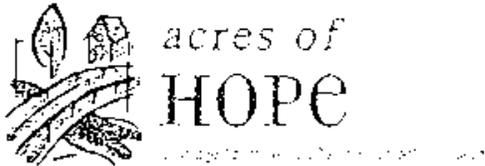
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**BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS:** In approving the following contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants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

The Board of Supervisors is being asked to approve appropriations to help support the Acres of Hope “A Taste for Hope Event” held March 8, 2008 at the Sunset Center in Rocklin. Acres of Hope is a long-term housing program for homeless women with children. The purpose of this unique program is to provide the support and resources needed to end the cycles of homelessness in their lives by allowing residents to live onsite for up to two years while providing encouragement, practical life-skills training, job skills, mentoring and spiritual direction. The funds designated towards this popular event will help defray the cost of the event.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.



January 2008

Dear Community Member,

Acres of Hope is soliciting businesses and individuals to participate a fundraising event for Acres of Hope, a center for homeless women with children. Our event is called "A Taste for Hope" and it will be held at the Sunset Center in Rocklin on March 8th, 2008. It would mean a lot to us and the women and children we serve if you could participate in any way.



Specifically, we are looking for participating restaurants and vendors, sponsorships, and silent auction donations.

Last year state assemblymen and county officials attended along with many business and church leaders. We are anticipating a similar participation this year with over 300 from the community in attendance.

Acres of Hope is a long term housing program for homeless women with children. The purpose of this unique program is to provide the support and resources needed to end the cycles of homelessness in their lives. Families may stay in the program for up to 2 years as they work through various phases of the program. The goal is that Acres of Hope will be the last program these families will ever need.

Acres of Hope is a non-profit 501C3 organization ID# - 47-0958489. Acres of Hope is funded by the generosity of individuals, churches, and organizations who share our commitment to giving these families hope and the opportunity to become thriving members of our community.

Sincerely,

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February 1, 2008

Dear friends,



Acres of Hope needs your help in order to keep our doors open and continue serving our homeless families. We have done everything possible to minimize our expenses but are unable to cut more without impacting the effectiveness of the program. Four families are scheduled to graduate this summer and yet we are unable to pay our bills.

We have spoken with many people who share the vision of Acres of Hope to better understand what motivates those who give financially and what keeps others from doing so. We found that there are some misconceptions in the community that we'd like to make clear so you can make an educated decision as to your commitment to our families.

#### Misconception #1 - Acres of Hope is funded by Bayside Church

Acres of Hope opened its doors on May 30, 2005 thanks to the generous support of Bayside Church as part of its C3 Campaign. Bayside provided \$600,000 so that Acres of Hope could begin its unique ministry homeless families. These funds covered the renovation the building and initial staffing. It was our hope to be self supported after the first twelve months. Bayside still provides \$300 per month and the use of its office equipment, for which we are grateful.

#### Misconception #2 - Acres of Hope has purchased the land it resides upon

Acres of Hope signed a lease/purchase agreement with the anticipation of purchasing the property once a solid donor-base was established. The downturn of the economy was not anticipated and has negatively impacted our ability to raise monthly support rendering us unable to purchase the property at this time.

The primary funding for our ministry since our opening has come from some very generous supporters and one-time gifts, however, monthly pledges only account for approximately 20% of our monthly expenses. Acres of Hope is a community-based nonprofit which depends solely upon the generous donations of those whose hearts are aligned with our mission. We hope you are still with us.

If you are currently a financial supporter, thank you! Your faithful support allows us to continue working with the families currently residing at Acres of Hope. You can help ensure our success in three ways: 1. Continue providing financial support 2. Increase your financial gift to help us through this transition, 3. Help spread the word about Acres of Hope and assist us in gaining the financial support we need to continue serving homeless families.

If you have not yet made a financial commitment to Acres of Hope, we ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a financial partner. Your gift will bring generational healing and change to the lives of the homeless community.

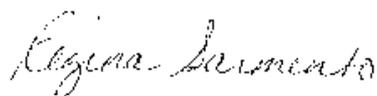
When little Katrina moved into Acres of Hope at the age of 4 years old, she crawled into her empty suitcase because she didn't understand having a bed. Her mother had been prostituted for income before the age of 10 and she began shooting heroin by the age of 12 to numb the pain. Today both

mom and daughter are living independently in an apartment. Mom is preparing to graduate from a nursing program with honors as she remained on the Dean's list each semester. Little Katrina now has her own room with her own pink bathroom.

Four other mothers are preparing for graduation this summer and we are committed to seeing that happen.

Come and see what is happening here. It is amazing. Please visit our website or attend an orientation. If you would like more information regarding our financial status or programming elements that would better help you to understand the dynamics of our current situation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warmest regards,



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*James 1:27 Pure and lasting religion in the sight of our Father means that we must care for orphans and widows in their troubles, and to refuse to let the world corrupt us*

P.S. - 1400 households are receiving this letter. If each family made a monthly commitment of \$20 to \$50, Acres of Hope could keep its doors open, and even prepare to take in more families. Will you please help make that happen?

You can donate online today at [www.acresofhopeonline.org](http://www.acresofhopeonline.org), or use the attached donation form.



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