

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

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: F.C. "Rocky" Rockholm, Supervisor, District 1, Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor, District 2, Jim Holmes, Supervisor, District 3 and Kirk Uhler, Supervisor, District 4

DATE: October 7, 2008

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING – Approve appropriation of \$1,250 in Revenue Sharing monies to *The Gathering Inn* as requested by Supervisor Rockholm (\$250), Supervisor Weygandt (\$250), Supervisor Holmes (\$500) and Supervisor Uhler (\$250).

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

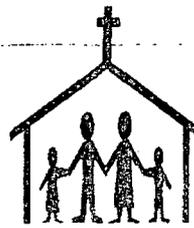
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**BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS:** In approving the following contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants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

The Board of Supervisors is being asked once again to approve appropriations to help fund *The Gathering Inn Faith-Based Help for Homeless People Organization*. Since *The Gathering Inn's* incorporation in September 2004, more than forty churches have united to provide the only emergency housing program in Placer County for homeless men, women and children. The faith-based program strives to foster a spirit of hope and dignity in the people it serves and works to transition people out of homelessness, by linking to appropriate existing services or by developing new ones. *The Gathering Inn* has moved beyond basic overnight sheltering and taken the significant step this year of moving to a year round operation, which entails a substantial cost increase and services increase. The funds designated towards this organization will help offset the cost of operation.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.



**THE GATHERING INN IS IN DANGER OF CLOSING THEIR DOORS!**

***"When written in Chinese, the word 'crisis' is composed of two characters. One represents danger and the other represents opportunity." John F. Kennedy***

The Gathering Inn's *danger* is this: We will run out of operating funds within the next 30-45 days, which means we'll be forced to close our doors to the homeless we so lovingly serve. Incredibly, this "shortfall" provides us with a marvelous **opportunity** to seek God's guidance and your help! We require approximately \$35,000 to sustain our support for the homeless until our major funding event in November...*Splendor of the Trees*.

During our first three years of service, TGI was open from a minimum of five to a maximum of seven months. This fourth year of operation we've remained open for 12 consecutive months, adding more than 150 days of full time support for the homeless. Our guests have been served **every day**, through the biting cold and oppressive heat, with warm meals, a shower, clean clothes, safe sleeping conditions, caring people, programs to aid in their rehabilitation and respect for them as individuals. We've been proud to say,

**"HUNGER TAKES NO TIME OFF...AND, NEITHER DOES THE GATHERING INN!"**

You can make a difference! The homeless desperately need your help! If you can spare an extra \$25, \$50 or possibly more, **PLEASE DO IT NOW!** If you are a pastor, priest or lay leader and your church can help, **PLEASE DO IT NOW!** If you are a business, and you can help, **PLEASE DO IT NOW!** Send your checks to TGI, P.O.Box 297, Roseville, CA 95678 or use PayPal on our website: [www.thegatheringinn.com](http://www.thegatheringinn.com).

We believe the homeless need a hand up, not a handout! We believe people can be homeless, but should never be hopeless. We believe they may have given up, but with love and support they can get up! We believe the homeless are not people to be moved to become someone else's problem, they should be everyone's concern. We are all diminished as human beings when those among us are in desperate need and we can help.

***"But strong in will, to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."*** Lord Tennyson At The Gathering Inn, we strive to seek God's will, not to yield to homelessness and to find a way to remain open continuously. Working together we can make full-time support for the homeless a reality!

Sincerely,

David Eastis  
Board Member

Suzi de Fosset  
Executive Director

PS: Please plan to attend one of the following very important meetings to learn more about The Gathering Inn and how you can help the homeless in Placer County: The Gathering Inn is sponsoring the first annual Gathering Hearts for the Homeless this coming October. **WHEN:** Wednesday, 8 October 7-8:30PM...OR Saturday, 11 October 9-10:30AM. **WHERE:** First Methodist Church of Loomis...Exit Hwy. 80 at Horseshoe Bar!

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