

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Holmes, Supervisor, District 3 and Kirk Uhler, Supervisor, District 4

DATE: May 26, 2009

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING - Approve appropriation of \$500 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Lazarus Project to benefit their homeless program, as requested by Supervisor Holmes (\$250) and Supervisor Uhler (\$250).

ACTION REQUESTED

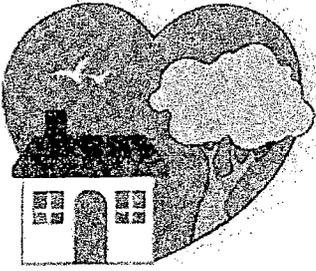
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BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS: In approving the following contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants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

The Board of Supervisors is being asked to approve appropriations to help support the Lazarus Project homeless program. The Lazarus Project has been able to assist over three hundred and seventy homeless men and women move toward self-sufficiency over the past ten years. The Lazarus Project offers continued support essential to expand services to help the large number of homeless individuals in Placer County whose housing needs are not met. The Lazarus Project recently had the opportunity to open their fourth home with support services that would aid six homeless men who desired to attain economic and social well-being. The funds designated towards this program will help fund the renovation of this home.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.



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Summer Greetings to you! I am so grateful for all your support and I thank you for giving so deeply of your time, gifts and donations during these troubled economic times. My hope is that you will have a summer filled with sunshine, peace and prosperity and that you will continue to remember our poor and homeless in the community.

A few months ago The Lazarus Project had the opportunity to open their fourth home with support services that would aid six homeless men who desired to attain economic and social well-being. As rare as these opportunities come our way, the Board of Directors decided that it was critical to move forward in acquiring the house using the State of California Emergency Housing Assistance Program Capitol Development Grant. In 2006 our organization used this grant to purchase our Somer Home located on Walnut Street in Roseville.

The house, located on Hickory Street in the City of Roseville, was a bank owned house whose previous tenants used the house to grow marijuana. The house had been neglected and was in need of repair. Faded paint, holes in the walls and ceiling, extensive termite damage, over grown trees in the front and backyard, illegal electrical wiring and broken windows and sprinklers systems were just some of the major items that needed repair.

As many of you know, some in our community resist having homeless programs like The Lazarus Project near them because they see it as a potential blight within their neighborhood. With a 10 year history of providing housing with support services in the City of Roseville, we are keenly aware that each of our homes must have great curb appeal and be seen as an asset to the community. Desiring to be good neighbors, our Executive Director, Board Members and program participants worked diligently to restore the house. As you can see from the pictures enclosed in this letter it was a daunting task but one we believe needed to be done. Though it costs us \$8,500 to restore the house, we think it is not only a house the neighborhood can be proud of, it is house where six formally homeless men who live in it can call a home!

During the rehabilitation of the home I learned that we would only receive one of the two grants needed for the homes program operating expenses. Though I am grateful that the Tiechert Foundation found our Hickory Home worthy of a \$7,500 grant, I am disappointed that another local foundation did not invest in this wonderful opportunity. Because we did not receive the one grant, we are \$7,500 short in operational funds.

Because of your generous support, for 10 years The Lazarus Project has been able to assist over 370 homeless men and women move toward self-sufficiency. It is with this tremendous foundation of good works that I am asking for your help. My goal is to cover this \$16,000 financial shortage over the next two months. Will you please help? Will you make a choice to donate \$25, \$100, \$500 or even \$1,000 to help us recuperate the costs in restoring the home and the needed operational expenses? As always, any amount you send us is greatly appreciated.

In Gratitude,

David Loya

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