

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

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

DATE: December 8, 2009

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING - Approve appropriation of \$850 in Revenue Sharing monies to Koinonia Family Services *Foster Care Program* to help defray the cost of the program, as requested by Supervisor Rockholm (\$150), Supervisor Holmes (\$200) and Supervisor Uhler (\$500).

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 help support the Koinonia Family Services *Foster Care Program*. For over 25 years Koinonia Family Services has provided programs and services that are designed to address the special challenges faced by today's abused and neglected children and young people. Koinonia's mission is to provide the highest quality treatment foster care, adoption and family service programs available for children, youth and their families. The funds designated will help aid the agency in obtaining the finances to secure placement of adoptive children, with a full range of services including adoptive family assessment, parenting classes, finalization, professional counseling and therapeutic services for children.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.

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Christmas Newsletter

December 2009 ★ Help Children in Need, Build Families Through Adoption

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Koinonia Family Services, I'm writing to ask if you will "Answer the Call?" I am asking you to join our campaign to spread awareness of the needs of waiting children and to increase the number of foster and adoptive parents in our community.

Statistics indicate that it would take less than 1% of the American population to provide every waiting child a home! That's what Koinonia Family Services is all about -- the recruitment and retention of foster and adoptive parents for our nation's waiting children.

We believe there is a family for every child. You do not have to be perfect to be a really terrific parent. Children just need parents to connect with their feelings, encourage them and make them feel safe. Unfortunately for too many children in the foster care system, a "forever family" is not an immediate reality.

There are misperceptions about the costs and challenges of the adoption process, which prevents individuals from pursuing adoption as a means to build a family. Many do not engage in the adoptive process because they think the process is difficult. The truth is that there is usually little or no cost to adopt children from the foster care system. And, with the expertise of an experienced agency, the process is simplified.

Koinonia addresses the specific barriers to adoption and foster care that exist in our community. Take action by attending an orientation meeting. Interact with successful foster and adoptive families and Koinonia staff who can assist you and answer your questions. We provide relevant training resources and a support network of remarkable parents who have adopted children through Koinonia's services.

This is a call for action. Consider adopting a child from foster care, or help us spread awareness of the needs of waiting children in our community. Every child deserves a place to call home and a loving family; will you "Answer the Call?" Call (877) CHILDS-1-1HOPE or inquire online at www.kfn.org.

I encourage you to make that call. Open your heart and home to a child. Remember, you don't have to be perfect to be a really terrific parent!

Thank you for taking the time to answer the call,

Sam Golden
Sam Golden, Executive Director

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Koinonia and its children...

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Koinonia Family Care, Inc. (P.O. Box 1403, Loomis, CA 95650)

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- Foster Parent Application

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Please charge my credit card \$_____ (check one)



Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Card ID #: _____

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