

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kirk Uhler, Supervisor District 4

DATE: May 18, 2010

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING – Approve appropriation of \$250 in Revenue Sharing monies to *PEACE for Families* to help support victims of sexual assault in Placer County, as requested by Supervisor Uhler (\$250).

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve appropriation of \$250 in Revenue Sharing monies to *Peace for Families* to help support victims of sexual assault in Placer County, as requested by Supervisor Uhler (\$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 to approve appropriations to help support *Peace for Families*. Since 1978, PEACE for Families has provided emergency shelter, counseling, education and other services annually to over four thousand victims of domestic violence and sexual assault throughout Placer County. As Placer County's Rape Crisis Center, PEACE for Families provides intervention services to victims of sexual violence by advocating for them, supporting and accompanying them from the hospital to the courtroom. Fifty-six times in 2009, Advocates from PEACE for Families responded to local hospitals to provide amenities and support to victims of sexual violence. Therapist and legal advocates provided over one hundred and fifty hours of services, building a foundation for the victims to move toward becoming a survivor and regaining power over their futures. The funds designated towards this organization will assist them in helping those within our community affected by domestic violence and sexual assault throughout the coming year, and into the future and assist PEACE for Families in their prevention education and strategies to residents of Placer County.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.



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Dear Friend,

April is National Sexual Assault Awareness month, a time to reflect on how this brutal crime impacts our community. I suspect the recent heartbreaking tragedies in Southern California – the loss of young lives at the hands of sexual predators – have made you painfully aware of the trauma sexual violence can cause an individual, family, and community. Today, I am asking that you stand with me by making a donation to PEACE for Families.

As Placer County's Rape Crisis Center, PEACE for Families provides intervention services to victims of sexual violence and the important people in their lives – parents, husbands, wives or life partners. We stand shoulder-to-shoulder with them through this devastating period in their lives, advocating for them, supporting and accompanying them from the hospital to the courtroom.

I would like to share a thank you letter I received from the victim of a brutal sexual assault:

"This past year, I was carjacked, kidnapped and raped. An Advocate from PEACE for Families came to the hospital and gave me, snacks, clothes, toiletries and most importantly support. Through your organization, I am participating in therapy to assist me in handling day-to-day issues and to deal with the crime committed against me. This crime occurred in Placer County and all the resources you gave are HIGHLY appreciated! I commend the Advocate and the SART nurse for making me feel strong and their support during my over 6-hour stay at the hospital. They made an awful situation a little more bearable."

– Abby, 19 (not her real name)

Fifty-six times in 2009 Advocates from PEACE for Families responded to local hospitals to provide amenities, advocacy and support to victims of sexual violence. Therapist and legal advocates provided over 150 hours of services, building a foundation for the victims to move toward becoming a survivor and regaining power over their futures.

PEACE for Families is charged with providing prevention education and strategies to residents of Placer County. Through workshops and presentations for groups from middle school through adults, PEACE is working to equip the entire community with the knowledge to help lower the number of assaults.

PEACE is available to make presentations to your business, church, school or professional organization, addressing intervention and prevention of sexual assault and domestic violence. Please contact us at (530) 823-6224 if you would like more information about our prevention programs and strategies.

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Although PEACE for Families has successfully supported Placer County's sexual violence victims, this has been a challenging year financially. Between 2008 and 2009 donations were down significantly, government funding alone was down more than 15%. Grants are more competitive and I am working diligently to secure as many as possible. Expenses have been deeply cut and PEACE is focused on continuing to be efficient and effective.

To maintain the level of service the victims of sexual assault in Placer County require, I need your help. Please stand with me by making a donation to PEACE for Families.

Thank you,

Michelle D. Coleman
Executive Director
PEACE for Families

P. S. I am asking that you stand with PEACE for Families in support of the victims of sexual assault in Placer County. A financial commitment from you will allow PEACE for Families to assist Survivors of sexual violence to reclaim their lives.

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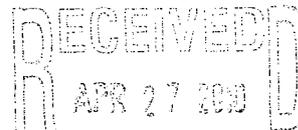
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