

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Holmes, Supervisor, District 3

DATE: October 2, 2007

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING – Approve appropriation of \$500 in Revenue Sharing monies to The Gathering Inn as requested by Supervisor Holmes (\$500).

ACTION REQUESTED

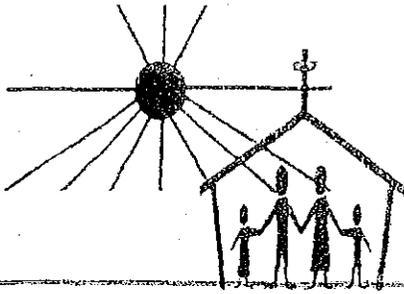
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BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS: In approving the following contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants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

The Board of Supervisors is being asked 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 funds designated towards this organization will help offset the costs of operation.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.



The Gathering Inn

Faith-Based Help for Homeless People

"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

THIS IS AN URGENT APPEAL BY THE GATHERING INN FOR YOUR HELP!

Over the last few months, as the weather has warmed, we have watched with alarm as our donations have declined.

Cold and rainy weather serves to remind us of the terrible plight faced by people who are without housing. Contributions increase when it's cold outside.

But, DONATIONS ARE NEEDED NOW if we are to save enough for the cold and wet season.

Sadly, if funds are insufficient, we won't be able to begin serving guests on October 1, as planned. Yet, last year, we saw both rain and nearly freezing evening temperatures during October.

Please consider making a donation to The Gathering Inn now so that we can open in time for the guests we serve.

Your generous stewardship will mean our area's homeless will once again be welcomed into our churches to break bread, enjoy a needed respite from the night's cold and experience our Creator's loving presence in their lives.

"Preach the Gospel always, and when necessary use words." St. Francis of Assisi

While a recent Census counted more than 500 as homeless in Placer County in January 2007, we know this captures only a fraction of those who were or will become homeless at some point during the year. The faces of those who are homeless change over time and the need for emergency housing is great, even in our wealthy county.

Since The Gathering Inn's incorporation in September 2004, more than 40 churches have united to provide the ONLY "emergency" housing program in Placer County for homeless men, women and children. Together, we have provided more than 18,000 bed nights and at least 6 of every 10 guests have found housing. Helping guests to help themselves, we restore their sense of hope and dignity. Helping guests to help themselves, we nourish our own spiritual lives.

"Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me." Matthew 25: 31-46

Donations may be mailed to: *The Gathering Inn*
P.O. Box 297
Roseville, CA 95678

Whatever you can share will make a difference and be deeply appreciated!!!

Please join our prayerful response to the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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