

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: January 22, 2008

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING – Approve appropriation of \$900 in Revenue Sharing monies to The Gathering Inn as requested by Supervisor Rockholm (\$150), Supervisor Holmes (\$500) and Supervisor Uhler (\$250).

ACTION REQUESTED

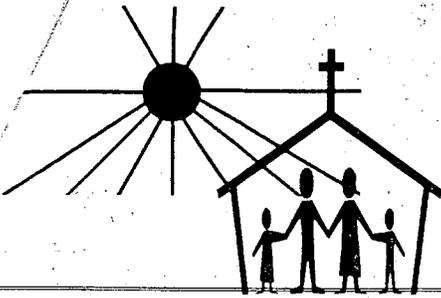
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BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS: In approving the following contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants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

The Board of Supervisors is being asked 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

Faith-Based Help for Homeless People

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

December 2007

Dear Friend:

Recently a family of six came to The Gathering Inn seeking shelter. They had originally lived in the state of Washington and had left when there had been no work for the husband, a carpenter. When they arrived in Roseville, their meager funds finally gave out, and they were living out of their car. The Gathering Inn took them in, they were sheltered that evening at one of our sponsoring churches, and were returned that morning back to Gateway Center. They would return for several evenings and sheltered each evening as part of our regular program of providing shelter each evening of the year for up to 50 homeless.

If the story would end there, this would simply be another example of a homeless shelter providing shelter overnight for those who find themselves on the streets. But unlike so many shelters The Gathering Inn has moved beyond basic overnight sheltering to working with the homeless to take them out of that condition and move them to self sufficiency and independent living. Last year, operating only nine months of the year, we were able to transition over 50% of the homeless we helped to independent living and off of the streets. Mentoring, assistance with social security, veterans benefits, medication issues, are all now part of the Gathering Inn program. It is proving to be a highly successful program in getting people back to independent status and off the rolls of the homeless. There is even a 12 Step meeting at the Gateway on a weekly basis!

As you may know this year, The Gathering Inn has taken the significant step this year of moving to a year round operation. Though the winter weather makes the physical issue of homeless more acute, the needs and the issues of homeless do not go away with warm weather. The move to a year round operation is a significant one which entails a substantial cost increase and services increase. We are the only Emergency Shelter in Placer County. We are a non-government operation relying on the private sector and individual contributors to make this work possible.

You may have heard recently about significant fund raisers conducted by the Gathering Inn. The Sierra College Community Concert and the Splendor of the Trees event at RC Willey were financially successful of obtaining close to \$95,000 and gave us impetus to continue operation. But these fund raisers DID NOT come near funding our year round operation. We still need the generous financial support of individuals like you if we are to continue the work of the Gathering Inn. Won't you please consider a contribution at this time?

Sincerely

Suzi deFosset

Executive Director

P.S. Regarding the family spoken of earlier. With our mentoring assistance, and other services of the Gathering Inn, the family is now living independently, the father has a job, the children are in school, and they are no longer homeless!

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

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