

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Holmes, Supervisor, District 3

DATE: June 23, 2009

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING – Approve appropriation of \$600 in Revenue Sharing monies to *The Gathering Inn* to benefit their emergency housing program, as requested by Supervisor Holmes (\$600).

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve appropriation of \$600 in Revenue Sharing monies to *The Gathering Inn* to benefit their emergency housing program, as requested by Supervisor Holmes (\$600).

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."*

June 16, 2009

Mr. James Holmes
Supervisor Placer County

Jim,

As you are aware the stresses on The Gathering Inn due to the downturn in the economy have been immense. We have experienced a 37% increase of new people requesting services from us in the first 6 months of this season. We are hoping to remain open during the summer to accommodate the need if our funding holds out.

In previous years you have been able to lend a hand financially. We are hoping you will be able to help us again this year.

Sincerely,

Suzi deFosset
Executive Director



The Gathering Inn

"He who gives to the poor will lack nothing..." Proverbs 28:27

Hopefully and prayerfully the New Year is off to a great start for you! At The Gathering Inn, we are rejoicing for our **first full year of uninterrupted service to the homeless...**and for the marvelous and generous response we received from you and many others. Thank you for your generosity and support, which makes this program possible.

This past year we served 436 guests with warm meals, a shower, clean clothes, safe sleeping conditions, caring people, programs to aid in their rehabilitation and respect for them as individuals. **Our sustaining churches served and provided 15,733 meals and bed nights**, an increase of 123% from our previous year. To our sustaining churches and the caring people who serve so faithfully, we offer our grateful thanks and acknowledge their vital service to the homeless!

These are tough times, the most difficult many of us have faced. We are constantly reminded of the poor economy and the serious problems facing our country. In times like this, a central question is: How do people respond or react to such a situation, particularly in regard to charitable giving. People who are not charitably inclined don't give, and they use the poor economy as an excuse. Others realize the homeless are among the most adversely affected in this economy and **continue to demonstrate their faith and support and generosity**. As Proverbs promises, "...they lack nothing."

The homeless are not part of any "BAILOUT" program! In fact, while their ranks are increasing with job losses and home foreclosures, funding to support them is being reduced. In today's economic climate, they are faceless people with no voice and little exposure...except to the elements!

Please review the enclosed flyer on the \$25 for 12 program, a program that asks you to commit \$25 per month for 12 months...OR \$.83 per day! \$25 supports one person for one day at The Gathering Inn and that \$25 CAN help CHANGE A LIFE!

If the \$25 for 12 program is not for you, **you can still make a difference!** The homeless desperately need your help! If you can spare an extra \$25, \$50 or possibly more, PLEASE DO IT NOW! If you are a pastor, priest or lay leader and your church can help, PLEASE DO IT NOW! If you are a business, and you can help, PLEASE DO IT NOW! Send your checks to TGI, P.O. Box 297, Roseville, CA 95678 or use PayPal on our website: www.thegatheringinn.com.

We thank God for every person who makes this ministry possible. Your support is a blessing and enormously appreciated. May your New Year be filled with abundant blessings!

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Executive Director

