

Director's report:

Rebuilding Mountain Hearts & Lives Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, April 8, 2009 3:00 PM Coldwell Banker Board Room – Blue Jay

NOTE: Special State election scheduled May 19th:

Current Polls indicate Prop 1D will not pass (If approved would impact First 5 Fund distribution)

- **SBA “Phoenix Award”** to be presented in Washington D.C. during Small Business Administration week May 17th – May 22nd. SBA Disaster Office advised on April 2nd that we did not receive the award. However, they are sending a Certificate acknowledging our being a finalist.
- H & L has been nominated for a special award from San Bernardino County Superintendent of Education for our work.
- Cheryl Nagy has been approved to lead a 90 minute workshop at **National Conference on Volunteerism** – San Francisco June 22-24

I. Disaster Recovery

Long Term Recovery (LTR): Two additional clients approved March 30th by H&L Board.

Total awarded to date from H&L: \$239,280.

In addition Catholic Charities has awarded \$49,847.00.

H & L has \$485,720 yet to distribute. [Note: Arrowhead United Way advised that they will be sending an additional check to us for **\$3,943.87** for Long Term Recovery Fund.]

Rebuilding: **Cheryl Nagy Activities:** [See attached report.](#)

II. Rim Communities Resource Network:

[Attached is a “DRAFT” copy of the minutes from the March 11th meeting.](#)

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 8th, 2:00 PM at Fire Station #91

III. First 5:

FY 07-08 Audit completed. First 5 advised: *“First 5 San Bernardino has reviewed all the documentation that you have submitted to our office as requested from “First 5 Findings Letter” dated March 9, 2009 for FY 07/08. All documents requested have been received and verified as legitimate cost to First 5 and reflects that the Agency is in compliance for FY 07/08. No further action is needed”.*

FY 08-09 In addition, Ruth Griffin, Staff Analyst II, wrote on March 12th: *“The Quarterly and Monthly Fiscal reports for FY 08/09 (electronic and hard copy versions) have been submitted in a timely manner, as well as your program reports. The data in Persimmony appears to be up to date. The narratives are clearly written. Best of all, you exceeded your Performance Target number by five.”*

FY 09-10

Contract request submitted on March 20th. See attached documents. Total Request: H&L - \$175,350, MCH Subcontract: \$14,500. Funding request down 3.2% vs. FY 08/09.

Grant update: See report attached from Julie Burnette

Sue Walker and Penny Shubnell are working on the Bank of America “Neighborhood Excellence Initiative” Grant.

Gronley Benefit Breakfast: – Dennis Labadie heading up sponsorship by Masonic Lodge for additional fundraiser on Saturday March 7th. It is estimated that in excess of \$20,000 has been raised by community members for the Gronley family in monies, materials and in-kind labor (headed up by Greg Imus). All monies have been turned over to the family.

Miscellaneous:

Julie Janesin resigned effective March 6th. She took a job with Catholic Charities.

I will be on vacation 4/23 and 4/24.

Lake Arrowhead Villages will be producing a benefit program for H & L on Sunday June 14th – Center Stage.

Changes to Articles of Incorporation [Article 12] will be submitted by John Wurm within next week which will give us exemption from Property Tax liability:

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
REBUILDING MOUNTAIN HEARTS & LIVES
Article 12

As currently written:

Upon the dissolution or winding up of the Corporation the Corporation will not inure to the benefit of any private person, assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the Corporation, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for public and charitable exempt purposes within the meaning of IRC Section 501(c) (3) of the, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of San Bernardino County, California, exclusively for public and charitable purposes to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for public and charitable purposes, within the meaning of IRC Section 501(c)(3)

Revision required per Board of Equalizations

Upon the dissolution or winding up of this organization, its assets, remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this organization shall be distributed to a nonprofit, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of Competent Jurisdiction of San Bernardino County, California, exclusively for charitable purposes to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes, within the meaning of IRC Section 501(c)(3).

Upcoming Calendar:

- 4/15 Attending “California Volunteers’ Surviving and Thriving During Tough Times” Conference. Goldy S. Lewis Community Center – Rancho Cucamonga ~ 7:30 am – 2:00 pm.
- 4/18 Earth Day ~ 10 am – 4 pm @ Rim of the World High School
- 4/19 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm ~ Senior Center Twin Peaks
Mountain Meals on Wheels Annual Fund Raising Spaghetti Dinner.
- 5/2 Home Tour Running Springs – H&L will have a booth.
- 5/2 Boys & Girls Club Auction Benefit Lake Arrowhead Resort 5:00 pm
- 5/6 3:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting –Blue Jay, Coldwell Banker Board Room**
- 5/13 Rim Resource Network Meeting ~ 2:00 pm Fire Station #91 Lake Arrowhead.
- 5/21 Community Recognition Banquet presented by Crestline/Lake Gregory Rotary Club. 6:30 pm Thousand Pines Conference Center. H&L will be honoring our Volunteer Coordinator – Karyn Westervelt.
- 6/14 Sunday afternoon (2 pm) Lake Arrowhead Village Management will be presenting a benefit for H&L – Center Stage.

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March was a busy month working with the Governor's Disaster Corps assisting with the soft roll out to the organizations and agencies in Southern California. Hearts & Lives and the Disaster Corps will continue to work on partnership arrangements for the future of handling volunteers in times of disasters.

On May 1st, Hearts & Lives will have a booth at the Running Springs Area Chamber's annual Home Tour Reception. This year's home tour theme is the Phoenix Tour, which will feature 5 homes that have been rebuilt in Running Springs and Green Valley Lake. At least 2 of these homes have been rebuilt under the guidance of Hearts & Lives.

Julie B and I have finalized the Car Seat Safety Fair, which will be held on May 9, 2009, in the school district/Hearts & Lives parking lot. 55 car seats will be distributed at this event.

COAD meetings are taking place on a monthly basis – with the Executive Board working hard to get the COAD up and running. I am currently representing the Rim Communities COAD at the San Bernardino VOAD meetings once a month. Members of the COAD Executive Board attended a Big Bear COAD meeting where HL was featured on their agenda to educate them on what we are busy doing. We believe we have bridged the gap with the Big Bear area by sharing our efforts.

New issues continue to arise regarding county departments working with fire victims from both the 2003 and 2007 fires. Due to changes within both Supervisor Derry's office and other county departments meetings will need to take place to bring everyone up to speed. Current counts are in for building permits - 108 Residential Permits have been issued, 39 alterations and one mobile home. Our counts are low but activity is increasing now that the weather has gotten warmer. Green Valley Lake is still dealing with snow but activity is increasing in that area.

The Debris Removal Division of County Land Uses has recently issued a letter and invoice to each of the fire victims that signed up for the county's debris removal program. This has caused additional stress on the fire victims as they now have to respond to this invoice with more paperwork. I am currently working with several fire victims and the Supervisor's office to resolve any problems that may arise.

HL has been asked to present at a private Sempra Energy staff and corporate Earth Day event where we will share with them disaster information and the energy efficient rebuilding that is going on. I will also be participating with Sempra at the upcoming Mountain Earth Day Event being held on April 18th at Rim High School.

Currently I am working on the new Ready-Respond-Recover Alliance power point which will be presented at several upcoming meetings. In addition the power point is the beginning of the 90 workshop presentation I will be giving in San Francisco in June.

HL recently met with Larry Sharp, CEO Arrowhead Credit Union and Jerry Choate, former CEO Allstate Insurance to discuss sustainability methods for HL and the future of the RRR Alliance.

Ira and I had a meeting with Crest Forest Fire Chief Michael Sherman to start the planning of the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Program for the Crestline Fire District. Additional training programs are being planned for Lake Arrowhead and Green Valley Lake.