

Executive Director's report

Note: Board did not meet in April have repeated some information from my April report

Hearts & Lives
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 6, 2009 3:00 PM
Coldwell Banker Board Room – Blue Jay

UPDATE:

- Nothing further heard from Alpenhorn News regarding “Anonymous allegations being made” since my email to Board members on April 16th.

I. Disaster Recovery

Long Term Recovery (LTR):

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

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

H & L has \$489,663.87 left to distribute.

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

II. Rim Communities Resource Network:

Attached is a “DRAFT” copy of the minutes from the April 8th meeting.

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”.* Letter dated April 8th advised that we have contract balance due: \$9,336. A check will be mailed.

FY 08-09 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 Parsimony appears to be up to date. The narratives are clearly written. Best of all, you exceeded your Performance Target number by five.”*

All projections will be met and/or exceeded for contract year.

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:

Community Foundation Inland Empire: Focus on PIQE (Parent Institute for Quality Education). Amount requested \$10,000. **Denied:**

Arrowhead United Way: **Pending**

- Focus Area-Basic Needs, Case Management in the amount of \$35,000.
- Focus are – PIQE, in the amount of \$10,000

First 5: **Awarded** \$2,674 “Sponsorship Grant” for Car Safety Fair.

Bank of America- “Neighborhood Excellence Initiative” \$200,000 Due June

Miscellaneous:

Attended California Volunteers Conference: “*Surviving and Thriving During Tough Times*”. – Rancho Cucamonga ~ April 15th. Led by Karen Baker, California Secretary of Service and Volunteering.

We have been invited to attend California Emergency Management Agency Southern Region Senior Leaders Summit will be held June 1st from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Location TBA.

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

Upcoming Calendar:

- 5/9 Car Seat Safety Program ~ 9:00 am – 1:00 pm ROWSD Parking Lot
- 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.
- 5/23 GVL Disaster Recovery Foundation Pancake Breakfast Benefit 8:00 am – 10:30 am Green Valley Lake Clubhouse In memory of Dean Christy
- 6/3 3:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting – Blue Jay, Coldwell Banker Board Room
- 6/14 2:00 pm Sunday afternoon Lake Arrowhead Village Management will be presenting a benefit for H&L – Center Stage.

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Throughout April I continued to work on 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. We have partnered with CalTrans, CHP, Rim Family Services, and First Five to make this a community event on Car Seat Safety. First Five is our key sponsor allowing us to purchase new “Slow Down” rack cards and bumper stickers so that we may continue to educate the mountain drivers on safe driving and protecting the children of our community.

The Governor’s Disaster Corps held a series of soft launches inviting input from key organization which is helping to fine tune the preparations for the actual launch in June.

On May 2nd, Hearts & Lives had a booth at the Running Springs Area Chamber’s annual Home Tour Reception. This year’s home tour theme was 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 were rebuilt under the guidance of Hearts & Lives.

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. I will also be attending an upcoming Southern California VOAD meeting to learn what is happening with other COAD and VOAD organizations throughout Southern California.

I am in the process of planning CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) trainings through County Fire and local citizens. These trainings will be held in Green Valley Lake and Lake Arrowhead in early June. I am also working with Crest Forest Fire to conduct a training in Crestline.

On April 24th I attended the Cedar Glen PAC. After not meeting since December 7, 2007, there were many questions to be answered. Supervisor Derry and many of his staff attended this meeting and were able to let the public know they are here to help.

Recently Ira and I attended a workshop presented by Sempra Foundation and Community Foundation discussing the many avenues of funding available to 501c3 organizations.

I have begun working on the 90 minute workshop presentation to be given in San Francisco in June. 400 proposals were submitted for selection with the Hearts & Lives presentation being one of only 175 proposals being chosen.

Representatives from Hearts & Lives and County Fire traveled to Santa Barbara County to meet with county representatives to assist in the next steps for the Santa Barbara burn area. In visiting the area we found they still have many months of work left to go with their recovery – their fire only occurred 5 months ago. Their representatives were very thankful for our assistance and guidance.

Dave and I recently attended the Disaster Preparedness Summit for Long Term Health Care Facilities. Riverside County has been working on an extensive plan to assist the Long Term Health Care Facilities with disaster issues including evacuation. This is definitely an area where our mountain communities need to be learning more. The hospital has done a great job with evacuating but we also need to think of other facilities that may not have their plans in place.

Inland Empire Red Cross called a meeting to share with us their plans for using 2007 wildfire funds to educate the mountain communities. They have asked us to partner with them for an educational event spring of 2010.

Economic Recovery is still an issue on the mountain. In mid-April Hearts & Lives representatives attended the Business Press' annual Business Expo and Luncheon. Governor Schwarzenegger was in attendance and discussed the upcoming special election.

Julie B. and I have begun the planning of the upcoming Benefit Concert that will take place June 14th at 2pm at the Lake Arrowhead Village. The plan is to have a few live auction items and some raffle items that will raise funds to cover the rising unmet needs of the community. In addition the Village will be giving Hearts & Lives the net proceeds from table sales and beverage sales.