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Arizona Women's Partnership, Inc.  
Grant Report 2021

Dear Mrs. Paula Cullison,

Arizona Women's Partnership, Inc. assists so many interests and needs throughout Arizona. Thanks to the foundation's interest in supporting community needs OHA received a \$2,000 grant to continue to work preparing hygiene/medication kits to pre distributed among vulnerable populations in Arizona.

OHA was first introduced to the work with asylum-seekers transitioning through Arizona in 2019, when Arizona received more than 40,000 asylum-seekers in the first half of the year. Families seeking asylum arrive in the United States after months of long and dangerous journeys. Oftentimes they have been exposed to extreme environmental conditions, poor nutrition, exhaustion, and other factors weakening their immune system. Once they arrive in the US, they are placed in crowded detention centers for days, increasing the risk-for infections. At that point, they are legally released by Homeland Security to community partners for care.

OHA is one of the few organizations in Maricopa County providing medical supplies and resources to these families. We focus on meeting the needs of the families regardless of the political environment. If the healthcare needs are left unattended, the problems will continue to increase and we will be perpetuating the vicious circle of reacting to a healthcare need versus being proactive to address the situation before it becomes a problem. OHA, in caring for these immigrant families, is caring for the whole of Arizona.

The Southern border remains a highly political issue that has not yet been resolved, yet immigrants continue to request asylum. Regardless of the politics, these families need our care. Their health and dignity require it, our state health infrastructure demands it. OHA must continue providing our services to meet the growing demands placed on Arizona's system.

Thank you for considering OHA for this grant. We are so grateful for all that the Arizona Women's Partnership does to improve the lives of our community members.

Warmly,

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