

Dear Paula,

It is with tremendous gratitude that I submit this Final Grant Report for 2020 to the Arizona Women's Partnership. The Report will highlight Angel Heart's Background, Current Status, Use of Grant Funds, and Conclusion.

Background

Angel Heart is a non profit organization with a Mission of providing new pajamas, books, and cuddle pillows to children: living in shelters and foster care home; who are abandoned or abused; seriously ill; or who are living in poverty.

Angel Heart serves children ages infant through teen years. The population of our children served is 86% Hispanic, 5% African American, 9% other and includes children with disabilities and serious illness, (Children's Clinic, Ronald McDonald House, and Tucson Medical Center Pediatrics are partner agencies).

Angel Heart was approved as a 501 c 3 in 2013 and has since gifted over 25,000 pairs of pajamas and books to needy children. During this past year's Pandemic Angel Heart was relentless in continuing to serve needy children each quarter. This commitment was accomplished with the utmost of care and safety practices in place. About 3,000 pairs of pajamas were gifted between January and October of 2020. During the Holiday Season of 2020 over 2,000 pairs of Pajamas, Books, and Cuddles Pillows were distributed to children throughout Pima County and Southeast Arizona.

Current Status

Angel Heart has recently moved into a small space within a high poverty Middle School. The space is being used as a donation site, folding center, and distribution location. The space has been provided pro bono to Angel Heart in support of the continuation of its Mission. The goal of this re location is 1) more space, and 2) to involve Middle School students in community service, and in learning focused on the components of operating a non profit business.

This past year during Covid-19. Angel Heart was challenged to reinvent itself in order to survive this difficult time. We reinvented how we do fundraising, recruit volunteers, and even fold and deliver pajamas to agencies and needy children. We held online fundraisers including a live Cook A Long with a well know chef. Rather than volunteers coming together to fold pajamas, individuals did the work at home and dropped the pajamas off.

Use of Grant Funds

Angel Heart used the money from Arizona Women's Partnership to buy pajamas for 267 children in the following agencies: Casa de Los Ninos, Amazon Food Bank, Grace Retreat, Devereux Family Services, Emerge Center, Vision Quest, and Gap Ministries.

Conclusion

Angel Heart is grateful to Arizona Women's Partnership for its support in helping serve needy children.

Sincerely,

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