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Project Description						
<p>We Sought funding to supplement food cost of the shelter program. Shelter service meets the most immediate basic needs for a victim of domestic violence and her children by providing safety. Ne Life Center also provides necessary living needs – food, clothing and bedding since most residents’ enter with few possessions. Advocates’ assist families in working towards achieving both short and long term goals. We utilize both individual and group advocacy sessions to assist residents in addressing the individual circumstances of their lives and the many common issues associated with surviving domestic violence. Special services are targeted to children to help them work through the acute trauma they have experienced by witnessing domestic violence.</p>						
Amount Received						
\$1000.00						
How did this project make a difference in reducing childhood hunger in Arizona						
<p>Funds were used to purchase food for the program We partner with the West Side Food Bank and area retail outlets to keep our food budget to 35,000 per year. Even with the assistance of donated food, there are always items that the Center must purchase for residents particularly in meeting the nutritional needs of young children. Families arrive at the shelter 24 hours a day. Beyond regular meals and snacks, this funding provided fresh food including fruits, vegetables, dairy products, cereals, soup and pedalyte to be available for our residents. These types of products must be purchased since many food donation programs do not include these items.</p>						
Number of children served						
86 children were housed at New life Center in the month following the expenditure of the grant						
Number of meals served						
7998 In the month following the expenditure of the grant 7998 meals were served						
Number of snacks served						
5332 In the month following the expenditure of the grant New Life Center served 5332 snacks This number is above the number of snacks made available throughout the night as needed.						
Description of meals/snack served						
<p>Breakfast has expanded to include yogurt choices and a broader choice of healthy cereals. Meals have included regular servings of salad and fruit. Beverages available include milk and juice. Purchased vegetables’ have been added to our donated food to expand meals – such as a side of broccoli or corn to accompany donated fried chicken. Snacks have expanded to include raw vegetables, fruit snacks, yogurt and crackers. This replaced donated danishes, high in both sugar and fat.</p>						
Description of most popular meal/snack served						
<p>Children are partial to basic foods. While pizza is a perennial favorite, the meal is enhanced with a tossed salad, fruit and milk to drink. Snacks are big hits when they are “finger foods”. Celery and carrots sticks, sliced apples, “Goldfish” crackers and “Gogurts” are always popular.</p>						
What improvement/impact was made						
The menu for the residents served at New Life Center is as diversified as possible given funding and donation constraints. This is more						

difficult for our pregnant mothers and new mothers and our children residents with more acute nutrition needs. The ability to purchase whole foods, fresh produce and dairy products is essential for our children residents, who make up the majority of our residents. Additionally, nutritional supplements, such as pedialyte, are essential for the youngest of our community.

How did you measure the success of the project

Overall success is measured in the number of residents who achieve goals articulated in their Individual Service Plans, those who complete safety planning, achieve greater economic self-sufficiency and are linked to childcare and other supportive services. Additionally, New Life Center provides detailed reporting on children served by the agency and their progress toward healing. The provision of basic, healthy nutrition to pregnant women, new mothers and their children is fundamental to their ability to succeed in their goals and the overall success of the program.

Will the program continue

We have worked to effectively leverage our resources through community partnerships, in-kind gifts and volunteer programs. While this year has been particularly challenging for many non-profits, we have weathered the economic climate and the resulting reduction in agency resources without having to reduce the kinds of services we offer or the number of people we serve. It is our hope that as the economy recovers, our donations will recover. Nevertheless, we have instituted a two-year plan to reduce staff, cut agency costs and restrict administrative expenses to absorb any additional revenue reductions. Through continued stewardship and community support, we can ensure basic, healthy nutritional needs of our residents will be met.

Additional Information