



Food For Greater Elgin

Providing food security and access to community resources to stabilize lives.

June 24, 2020

Franklin Ramirez
Supervisor
Elgin Township
729 S. McLean Blvd., Suite 200
Elgin, IL 60123

Food for Greater Elgin received a grant from Elgin Township in December, 201 in order to establish a community resource center in order to deliver access to other organizations that would better the lives of people who were coming to FFGE for food. In the initial months one room was converted to a children's library and play room for use while parents were waiting assistance, a second room was designated as a community resource center and a number of organizations were recruited to provide programming to clients while they wait for their opportunity to shop. Amongst those groups were:

- AMITA St. Joseph Hospital, which provided a monthly well being check for guests (blood pressure and other medical services);
- ABLE, an organization that recruits seniors for continued participation in the labor market;
- Oak Street Health Clinic, which limits its clients to medicare patients.
- VNA, Greater Elgin Family Care Center and the Well Child Center

Conversations were underway for the addition of programming by the US Census Bureau, Citizen's Utility Board and EPEL, an early childhood education support group.

And then the Coronavirus hit. In March, 2020 upon President Trump's address to the country reversing his earlier denials of the threat, overnight, the recruited partners withdrew their staff. Social distancing rules and the requirements of safe space required us to restrict the numbers of people entering our space. Children's space was itself quarantined due to the difficulties in sanitizing the space.

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The vision is not gone, but we will be unable to utilize this program until the state of emergency is passed and we are able to relax restrictions on social distancing and partner agencies return to resourcing work outside of their own facilities. We have begun conversations with Centro de Informacion and the Community Crisis Center for their periodic participation. AMITA Health has assured us that they will return to offer shot clinics for both flu and, importantly, Covid-19 immunization when that becomes available.

Ultimately our fulfillment of the dreams funded by the grant will rely upon our receiving clearance to open community rooms and relaxing 'safe space' requirements and the willingness of our partners to return. I expect that this will happen in early to mid-fall, if all goes well.

We thank the Elgin Township for its support of our work. Please be in contact with me for any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael H. Montgomery". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Dr. Michael H. Montgomery,
Interim Executive Director

June 19, 2020

Elgin Township
Mr. Franklin F. Ramirez
729 S McLean Blvd
Elgin, IL 60123-6704

Dear Mr. Ramirez:

"Generosity is the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion and loving-kindness."

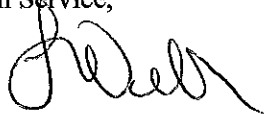
The Dalai Lama XIV

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and clients of the Gretchen S. Vapnar Community Crisis Center, Inc. thank you for your generous donation of \$7,500.00 on 5/11/2020. Your support is always appreciated, but especially now as we adjust to a new normal in our world. Your support provides essential services to individuals and families in crisis.

The Crisis Center responds to the needs of those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, homelessness and financial crisis. Services include a 24-hour hotline, 40- bed shelter for women and children, individual and group counseling, financial assistance to prevent homelessness, partner abuse intervention, and advocacy through the legal, medical and social welfare systems. Founded by volunteers in 1975, the Crisis Center has grown to serve nearly 5,000 people each year.

The Crisis Center is committed to providing essential services to those in need. We are grateful for the support we receive; it does "bring peace for today" and allows us to "create a vision for tomorrow." We are indeed fortunate to have individuals, organizations and businesses as partners in working to make a difference in the lives of others. On behalf of the people we serve, thank you for your kindness and generosity.

In Service,



La Tonya Walker
Executive Director

Thank you for the grant to support our program as we find new and innovative ways to engage.

P.S. Current tax laws require us to state that no goods or services were provided in exchange for your gift, making it tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. You, the donor, determine the value of donated item(s). Please retain this letter as your official receipt for tax purposes.

Visit our website, www.crisiscenter.org for our latest news & needs.

COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER, INC MISSION:

We provide Safety, Hope, Advocacy, Respite and Education for those impacted by crisis and violence in the Fox Valley Region and Illinois.



Thank you!

Your support makes a difference for hungry neighbors.

June 5, 2020

Franklin Ramirez
Town of Elgin
729 S McLean Blvd
Elgin, IL 60123-6704

Dear Franklin,

Thank you for supporting Northern Illinois Food Bank with your gift of \$8,000.00 (Check #58585) on 5/28/2020 which has been designated for our Child Nutrition Program in Elgin to provide access to meals over the summer.

Your generosity matters and with your investment you are changing the lives of children across our 13 counties. We know that more than 150,000 children are at risk of hunger in our service area. Every child deserves to have access to nutritious food so they can develop healthy bodies and minds. The Food Bank works with more than 200 schools and youth sites to provide healthy meals after school, on weekends and during summer break. One coordinator told us: ***"The Food Bank program is very thorough with fulfilling nutritional requirements. Because of this program, the students ate more fruit and it shows them that there are good alternatives to junk food. I believe they noticed a difference in their own energy levels."***

Thank you for your continued support. We encourage you to stay connected to the Food Bank through our website at www.SolveHungerToday.org or our social media posts. Thank you again!

Sincerely,


Julie Yurko
President & CEO

*So grateful for
this wonderful gift!*

Northern Illinois Food Bank acquires food and distributes it through our network of 900 nonprofit food assistance sites in 13 counties. Northern Illinois Food Bank is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, EIN# 36-3203648. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution. Please consult your tax advisor for more information.

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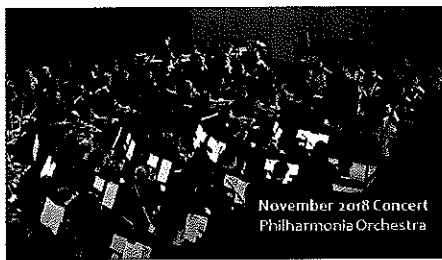
ELGIN YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

2008 Conductor of the Year ■ 2000 / 2007 Youth Orchestra of the Year ■ 2005 / 2015 Programming of the Year ■ 2001 Elgin Image Award



June 8, 2020

Town of Elgin
Attn: Franklin Ramirez
729 S Mclean Blvd
Elgin, IL 60123-6704



Dear Franklin,

On behalf of our student musicians, our Board and our Staff, I would like to thank you for your gift of \$7,100.00 to the Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra. Your generous donation makes it possible for us to continue to offer a comprehensive musical experience to all students who qualify musically for the EYSO.



Our mission is to "create a community of young musicians, enriching their lives and the lives of their families, schools, communities and beyond, through the study and performance of excellent music." Gifts such as yours are an incredibly important part of our efforts to fulfill and achieve this aim since tuition only covers part of the total need.

Your contribution will be acknowledged in our concert programs during the 2019-20 season, in print and online. You can find our season programs posted to our website: eyso.org > Season > Programs.

Fox Valley Arts
Ramble 2019
EYSO student
engaging with the
community at an
Instrument Petting
Zoo at the Elgin
History Museum.



Thank you again for your generosity and for your continued investment in our students.

Sincerely,

K. Eric Larson
Executive Director

Kari L. Christensen
Dir., Development & Community Engagement

We are so grateful to Elgin Township for supporting the arts in Elgin! - Kari !!

P.S. This letter serves as your receipt for your tax records. In accordance with federal law, your contribution is fully deductible as a charitable contribution for tax purposes. The Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra (tax ID # 36-4403533) has not provided any goods or services to you in exchange for your contribution.

Dear Elgin Township Elected Officials,
Trustees and staff:

As a dedicated Board Member of the Elgin Boys + Girls Club, I wanted to personally write and Thank You for continuing to Support our mission and positive impact on the Youth that we continue to serve in our community!

I can assure you that we have great leadership and have maintained our impact on the kids we serve even through these recent difficult times.

We began a #slashtheTrash campaign to

encourage Club members and our community to pick-up trash from our neighborhoods. The Boys + Girls Club of Elgin delivered "Blue Boxes" of hope with essential supplies, educational activities, and nutritious food to our members and their families in May. Most importantly, we recently opened our Clubhouse in Elgin for child-care for families of essential workers. At a time in which our local youth need us the most, we continue to step-up and serve them better.

Once again, thank you so very much for your continued support of our mission. -With Respect,-
Adam Neisendorf
Board member

EA / GA MONTHLY REPORT 2020

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Accumulative Year-to-Date
Total applicants for EA/GA	33	19	14	0	5	3							
Total walkins assisted by staff	179	103	87	0	3	28							
Total phone calls	626	566	730	315	589	645							
Average persons assisted daily	38	35	37	14	30	31							
EA client approved	15	9	8	0	1	2							
EA clients denied	5	4	2	2	1	3							
GA clients approved	7	4	4	0	3	1							
GA clients denied	7	3	2	0	1	0							
GA Terminated	3	1	1	3	6	5							
GA Active	32	31	33	28	29	25							
EA monies spent	\$6,395	\$3,552	\$3,101	\$0.00	\$410	\$660							
GA monies spent	\$12,474	\$12,414	\$12,788	\$11,511	\$9,178	\$9,751							
GA Medical	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Pending SSI/SSD	7	19	16	16		12							

