

**Interim Activity Report
submitted by
Centro de Informacion
May 29, 2018**

Social Services Provided

With the support of Elgin Township, Centro de Informacion provides bilingual information, referral, advocacy, crisis support, employment assistance and job fairs, legal clinics, housing assistance, parenting training, public aid information, and life skills seminars to, principally, Spanish-speaking immigrant residents of Elgin Township.

Elgin Township Clients

In the first six months, 87% of Centro clients have had incomes below the Federal Poverty Level and 93% below 200% of poverty. Bilingual services have been provided to children (14%), youth (5%), adults (68%), and seniors (13%). In these six months, Centro provided services to more than 2,000 township clients from 24 countries plus Puerto Rico. Within this population, 86% speak only Spanish or very limited English.

Emergency Services

Among the Elgin Township men, women, and children who have come to Centro for services in the past six months, almost half (44%) have come for one or more emergency services: children's clothing and coats, housing (eviction notice, foreclosure, lack of utilities, or homeless), food, family crises, victims of fraud, violence, or accidents, with official looking papers they cannot read, bills they cannot pay, or legal, medical or mental health issues. Even with the current anti-immigrant sentiment and fear in the Hispanic community, in Elgin Township Spanish-speaking families in crisis who do not know where to turn for answers or the help they need come to Centro de Informacion.

Information and Referral

From October 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018, attendance totaled 183 Elgin Township residents at 14 seminars and legal clinics that Centro held on such topics as citizenship, health insurance, finding employment, two 10-week courses on living with diabetes, Social Security, income tax, parenting without abuse, bankruptcy, food safety, fraud, and public benefits and community resources. These were presented through collaboration with local attorneys, bilingual professionals in the community, and partner organizations such as the Gail Borden Library, the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Consumer Credit Counseling, and Presence St. Joseph Hospital.

During this period, Centro relocated its main office when PNC Bank closed its downtown branch and put the North Grove building up for sale. With the exception of a one week hiatus due to the move, individual information, advocacy, and referral was provided daily by Centro bilingual community outreach workers. With Elgin Township support, we answer the questions of what, where, when, why, and how, organize job fairs and medical screenings, and provide interpretation help and assistance in filling out forms in English such as for food stamps, unemployment benefits, victim compensation and consumer complaints through the Illinois Attorney General's office, and various forms of emergency assistance. Finally, we link individuals and families to needed services and supports that Centro does not provide.

Thank you!

Your support makes a difference for hungry neighbors.

May 31, 2018

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 donation of \$5,000.00 (Check #54502) on 5/22/2018 for our Mobile Pantry Program in Elgin. We are scheduling summer Mobile Pantries at Greater Elgin Family Care Center and Eastside Recreation Center and will also be partnering with United Way to provide a Mobile Pantry for their Volunteer Day of Caring.

Our two Mobile Pantry trucks provide access to food for our hungry neighbors who are not able to get to a local food pantry when they are open. They also help us reach communities where there are limited food pantries and where we need to provide more food to help meet the meal gap.

"I don't know if people realize how huge their donation is for someone like me. I come back from the Mobile Pantry with a big, big box of groceries because someone found it in their heart to donate."

Thank you again for your partnership.

Sincerely,

Julie
Julie Yurko
President & CEO

Northern Illinois Food Bank acquires food and distributes it through our network of 800 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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May 22, 2018

Franklin Ramirez
Supervisor
Town of Elgin
729 S. McLean Blvd
Elgin, IL 60123

Dear Mr. Ramirez and Elgin Township Trustees:

Through the support of the Elgin Township, 40 at-risk teens in our community will have an opportunity to attend Renz Center's Leadership Empowerment And Development (LEAD) program. The Township's \$10,000 award ensures that these teens get the necessary skills to lead alcohol- and drug-free lives while also learning leadership skills and ways they can give back to their community. Your support also means several of these teens will be able to attend the Cebrin Goodman Teen Institute and spend a week creating a substance abuse prevention action plan to implement at their school and/or in our community in the fall.

Thank you for your continued support, and for helping us make our community a healthier, safer place to live and work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deb Howe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Deb" and "Howe" being capitalized and prominent.

Deb Howe

Marketing & Fund Development Director

A handwritten note in black ink that says "Thank you!". The words are written in a large, cursive, and somewhat stylized font, with the "y" in "you" having a long, sweeping tail.

Renz Addiction Counseling Center is a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organization (tax ID 36-2447195) as determined by the Internal Revenue Service. No goods or services were exchanged in return for this contribution. Gifts are tax-deductible.

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Recovering Lives . . .*

*For A Healthier, Safer
Community*



PO Box 1390 Elgin IL 60121-1390 Bus Line: 847-742-4088 Crisis Line: 847-697-2380 Fax: 847-742-4182 TTY: 847-742-4057 www.crisiscenter.org

May 22, 2018

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


Dear Mr. Ramirez:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and clients of the Community Crisis Center thank you for the award of \$7,500, check number 54461 dated 5/14/18. This funding provides support for Elgin Township residents and covers Children's Program services; food for children in our Shelter Program; swimsuits, sunscreen, flip-flops and towels; and 2 chairs and a small table for a counseling waiting room area. Funds will be expended during 6/1 – 8/31/ 2018; a final report will be submitted as requested.

Since 1975 we have provided 24-hour, caring and professional services in response to requests from individuals and families affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, homelessness and other life crises. Our services include 24-hour crisis hotline; emergency shelter for 40 women and children; counseling, advocacy; financial assistance; partner abuse intervention and community education.

The Crisis Center appreciates the many years of support Elgin Township has given our agency. Thank you for the trust you have placed in us to be good stewards of your funding and our ability to provide quality services to those in need in the community we share.

Sincerely,


Gretchen S. Vapnar
Executive Director

P.S. Current 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 the donated item(s). Please retain this letter as your official receipt for tax purposes.

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.

