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May 7, 2020

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

Dear Franklin,

Over the past several years, Elgin Township has helped fund a very valuable service to the clients served by a collaboration of Elgin Social Service Agencies. This collaboration includes PADS of Elgin, The Community Crisis Center, The Ecker Center, AID and the Kane County Mental Health Court. The previous grant has been a tremendous help in our efforts to supply adequate transportation to our clients. The funding provided by Elgin Township to support these programs has proven to be the most effective way to provide needed transportation services to the residents of Elgin Township and so we are requesting the renewal of funding of this grant for the upcoming year.

During this past year, funding from Elgin Township has been used to provide transportation through a number of ways including Pace Bus passes, cab vouchers, staff reimbursement for transportation expenses, and fuel and maintenance costs for owned vehicles. Through this program we have been able to provide our clients with transportation opportunities to destinations such as medical appointments, employment opportunities, appointments with Social Security or Department of Human Services, educational opportunities, transportation to mandated programs and many other locations relating to case management.

Being able to ensure that our clients reach these important appointments has been an integral part of our programs for many years and with the threat of funding cuts, the need for your support is greater than ever. For that reason we request that Elgin Township renew funding in the amount of \$22,500. \$20,000 will be divided equally among the 4 human service agencies, and \$2,500.00 will be used to supply Mental Health Court client's transportation to much needed services.

If you concur that the request should be considered, please advise the date of the meeting on which this item will appear on the agenda and I will see that an agency representative is in attendance and available to answer any questions or address any concerns.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Sarah J. Ponitz, B.S., J.D.
Executive Director

"Homeless doesn't have to mean hopeless."



May 1, 2020

Elgin Township
729 S. McLean Blvd.
Elgin, IL 60123

Dear Mr. Ramirez,

Please accept this 6 month report from Fellowship Housing Corporation. We are currently working with and housing 6 families in Elgin. We have 6 single moms with 11 children, for a total of 17 residents in Elgin, with more families in Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg.

Funds were utilized to support families housed in Elgin through a variety of activities including a portion of their rent, family advocates to walk alongside them, and financial training to build a better future for their children. The funds have been fully used.

On behalf of the moms and children at Fellowship Housing, I would like to express our appreciation for our partnership. If you are in need of any further information, please do not hesitate to call me at 847-380-8867.

Sincerely,

Amanda Woods
Associate Director
amanda@fhcmoms.org

Fellowship Housing 2200 W. Higgins Road, Suite 130 Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
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Ecker Center *for Mental Health*

Elgin Township

Six Month Report

The objective of the psychiatry program is to provide quality diagnostic assessment, consultation, and medication prescriptions for individuals with mental illness. The priority of the program is to provide stabilization with medication support, ongoing medication management, and education. Funding from Elgin Township helps the agency minimize the disparity between the reimbursements we receive in fee for service billing and donations comparative to the actual cost of providing psychiatry services. In the first six months of our grant period beginning October 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 Ecker provided 1,179 Elgin Township residents with mental health services.

In part due to these additional funds, we have recently been able to expand nursing hours. This has enabled us to provide stronger support to clients regarding physician recommendations, medication compliance, and other health & wellness suggestions related to diet, exercise, and sleep hygiene. Our nursing department also works daily on prior authorizations. This process entails several communications with insurance companies to ensure our clients have access to appropriate medications and the nursing staff also take measures to secure drug samples, if necessary. Additionally, these nursing hours have provided opportunity for us to increase our medication training efforts with clients experiencing a crisis and staying in our Crisis Residential Program as to reduce repeat hospitalizations. Many of the clients who stay in our Crisis Residential Program are not connected to primary healthcare and enter the program with many outstanding health issues. Not only has additional nursing hours helped to increase psychiatric medication compliance and education, but it has also enabled us to educate and refer to appropriate medical care. This has made a difference in many lives already.

Due to the shortage of psychiatric prescribers in Illinois, we have also begun to explore a tele-psychiatry option in hopes to attract some additional psychiatry hours at our agency. Many clients who come to Ecker seeking medication management, are coming from our community hospitals, jails, or other healthcare programs with only a few weeks supply of their current medications. We currently have a four to six week wait for psychiatry services which although is impressive compared to most other community agencies with this service, is still unable to close the gap of continuity of care in our community.

We are very grateful for Elgin Township's continued and generous funding. Your funding helps us to carry on our mission of providing behavioral health services that help people with serious mental illnesses maintain their independence, health and highest quality of life.

Please contact Alison Anderson, Psychiatry and Nursing Manager, at 847-695-0484 ext. 1868 to schedule a six month review presentation at a Township board meeting.



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Restoring Hope &
Recovering Lives . . .

For A Healthier, Safer
Community



April 30, 2020

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

Dear Mr. Ramirez and Elgin Township Trustees:

We sincerely appreciate the \$15,000 award to support our summer Leadership Empowerment And Development (LEAD) program. We hope the program will be able to go on as planned in June. However, with the stay at home order lasting at least until May 30th, we are unsure if our programming will be able to continue as planned, will be postponed for a month, and/or if we will need to make other modifications. We will keep you apprised of the modifications, if any, we plan to make that may affect our services.

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 cursive script that reads "Deb Howe".

Deb Howe
Operations Director



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MAY 5, 2020

Elgin Township
Attn: Franklin Ramirez, Supervisor
729 S. McLean Blvd., Ste. 200
Elgin, IL 60123

Dear Franklin,

Please consider this letter as a six (6) month (November 2019-April 2020) report for PADS of Elgin to be presented to the trustees.

Updates Include:

- ◆ In November, PADS staff attended a three (3) day training in Chicago regarding permanent supportive housing which we intend to provide in our new shelter location. We continue to search for a new facility as our current lease expires in December 2021.
- ◆ We held our annual Winter Harvest Gala in February and with the addition of a live auction and paddle raise, it was our most successful event to date.
- ◆ On March 16, 2020 we started to shelter in place and were under a quarantine due to COVID-19. In April we moved all current and new guests into one hotel location in Elgin. All program staff, including case managers, are on-site at the hotel 24/7. Case managers continue to meet with guests on a daily basis.
- ◆ In the last six (6) months we have spent \$17,499.96 of our \$30,000 award to support direct case management services.

We greatly appreciate the support we receive from Elgin Township.

If you need any additional information or if you have questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Sarah J. Ponitz
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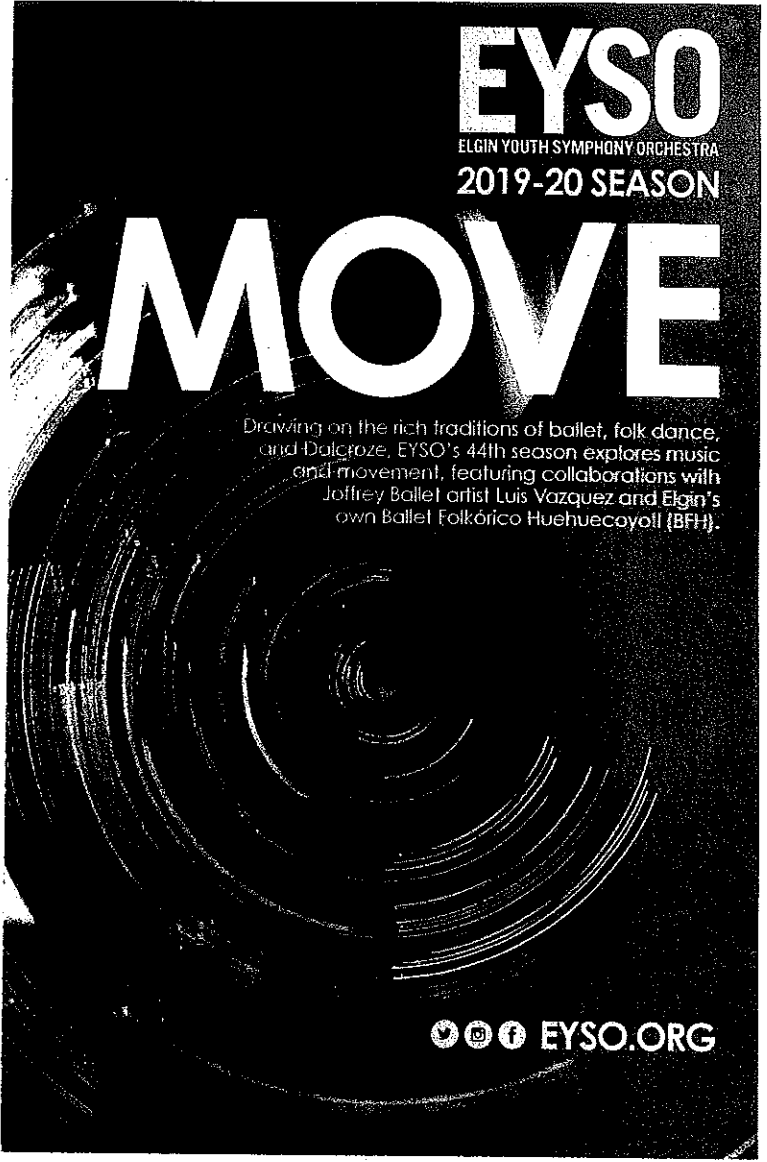
"Homeless doesn't have to mean hopeless."

Dear Franklin
Board of Trustees,

We are so grateful
for all the Township
does for its residents.

Thank you for believing
in the mission of EYSO!

Sincerely,
Kari ☺

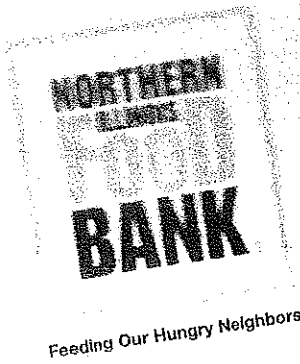


EYSO
ELGIN YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
2019-20 SEASON

MOVE

Drawing on the rich traditions of ballet, folk dance, and Dalcroze, EYSO's 44th season explores music and movement, featuring collaborations with Joffrey Ballet artist Luis Vazquez and Elgin's own Ballet Folkórico Huehucayoll (BFH).

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what that
will look like!

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Franklin & Township
Board

Thank you for
this generous
grant! We will
use to provide food
for children &
families during the
summer and
will keep you

