

REPORT 2019 July Cycle

GENERAL INFORMATION

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REPORT INFORMATION

Report Funding Cycle: 2019 July Cycle	Report Date: 06/29/2020 12:00 am
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1: Please include in your report the dollar amount of the funds that were awarded, the date they were funded and what the funds supported.

Awarded Amount: 50,000	Date: 07/30/2019
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2: Were the objectives cited in your original proposal met? Please address each started objective and how it was met.

Any Baby Can's (ABC) Patty's Angel Fund provided direct assistance to meet the immediate and long-term needs of individuals and families with children or youth facing serious health or developmental challenges. A total of \$50,000.00 in direct assistance assisted 1197 individuals facing various critical needs. Families received support with financial assistance for basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, medications, pillboxes, pill cutters, medical equipment such as weighted blankets, helmets, therapeutic items requested by the therapist; safety planning items such as fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, baby proofing items; and funeral assistance for children and youth. This assistance is crucial because it provided families the foundation needed to focus on setting and accomplishing long-term goals to meet future needs that improve the quality of life for their child or youth. With ABC staff assisting and coordinating services in conjunction with the family, the immediate needs were met. The family had the opportunity to experience less stress and more stability at home. After receiving case management services, families reported they were empowered to make more informed decisions in meeting the future needs of their children. Survey results routinely indicate that families have increased knowledge of community resources, as well as expressing an overall ability to make a positive difference in their child's life as a result of services. For individuals accessing prescription medication, these funds allowed the staff to assist clients with various supports to help with compliance in maintaining their health.

3: Please explain any changes from the original proposal and the circumstances that lead to the modification of the objective.

There were no changes from the original proposal. During this grant period, the COVID-19 pandemic affected ABC families. ABC experienced a 251% increase in paying for crisis needs for existing clients. The COVID-19 crisis will have a long-term impact on families raising children with special health care needs. ABC services will continue to be in higher demand and will be crucial to improving our families' quality of life. ABC anticipates families will stay with the agency for longer than twelve months. At this time, over 60% of cases have remained open over nine months or longer. ABC continues to strive to ensure that families have the assistance they need to remain stable and alleviate stressors.

ABC continues to assist families with unique requests that other agencies are unable to assist. ABC's Center for Infant and Child Loss (CICL) continues to be a vital part of Patty's Angel Fund to support families who have lost a child. This a delicate time for families and ABC's support helped many families find peace. Many families need immediate assistance to ensure that their child has a meaningful and dignified farewell. A total of 79 families received funeral assistance support; this includes internment cost, urns, and other funeral-related items. This is a 41% increase in families served by Najim funds. ABC continues to experience funding challenges for the CICL; many funders do not consider bereavement services for children as a priority in the community.

4: What needs were addressed?

The funding awarded to ABC assisted families with medication, medical equipment, food, shelter, transportation, clothing, utility assistance, safety items, baby supplies, funeral assistance, and education materials. The top expenditures requested by families included funeral assistance (34%), followed by medical equipment (17%), and prescription medication assistance (16%). Without the help of Patty's Angel Funds, children would have gone without the needed medical equipment necessary for their treatment to sustain and maintain their overall health. A total of 22 children obtained assistance in purchasing prescribed medical equipment. An additionally twenty-two clients were assisted with purchasing medication while their pharmaceutical application were processed or if the child was pending approval for Medicaid or CHIP. Clients were also provided with portable diabetic cooler bags to store insulin. By providing insulin cooling bags, clients carried medication to and from doctor visits, or if families were out running errands, the insulin remained cool in temperature control bag. The insulin bags also include a place to store pill bottles and other medication, which allowed clients to carry all medications together. This helped increase success with medication compliance. Another family was assisted with medical supplies such as eye patches, and lemon swab sticks to continue therapy at home. ABC was able to assist one family with a laptop for their child to continue treatment through telehealth therapies. These tools help clients create a strong foundation to build upon to increase family stability and improve the quality of life for the child with special health care needs.

5: What method of evaluation did you use to monitor and measure the project's outcome and what are the result?

During this reporting period, families were provided with tangible assistance to support and enhance family stability to improve the quality of life for the entire family. Family's immediate and long-term needs were met through Patty's Angel Fund to decrease family stress levels. Expenditures are tracked through Financial Assistance Forms that are submitted for approval. These expenses are reported monthly via reports generated by the accounting department for the Case Management Director to review. Surveys are administered at the time of intake and once the case becomes inactive.

A total of 100% of families that completed a post-survey showed increased knowledge of health and human services resources and programs. These families also demonstrated that they had attained the skills and tools necessary to seek out resources for their families.

A total of 100% of families that completed a post-survey reported that they had secured a medical home. These families also reported that a medical home allowed their families to improve continuity of care.

A total of 100% of families that completed a post-survey recognized a positive ability to effect change in their child's life. These families reported an increase of feeling empowered and having the ability to make informed decisions on their child's behalf.

A total of 100% of families that completed a post-survey showed an increase in their knowledge of their child's medical condition. Families reported they were able to better care for their child as a result of understanding the medical condition.

6: Do you plan to continue this project, and if so, how do you plan to sustain it?

Patty's Angel Fund is an ongoing program provided by ABC. The need to assist individuals in need of prescription medication and families following the birth or diagnosis of their child/youth with a special health care need through direct assistance is still present in our community. ABC continues to meet a gap in services in our community that no other agency currently fills. The agency is diligent in seeking out available resources, including foundation grants, individual and corporate contributions, and community partnerships. As a result of COVID-19, ABC experienced a 52% decrease in revenue due to cancellation of special events (Walk for Autism, New Braunfels Walk for Autism, Big Give Special Events, The Angel Affair) and a decline in individual and corporate fundraising. ABC Leadership is reviewing other fundraising opportunities to reduce fundraising shortfalls to ensure no gaps in services.

7: Please provide any other comments of information relevant to this grant.

Funds awarded allowed Patty's Angel Fund to be successful and serve those children and families most vulnerable in our community. ABC continues to network with other agencies in the community that assist with basic needs to maximize clients' benefits. ABC provided families supports identified in the needs assessment, such as education on diagnosis, and medical needs, guidance, and steps to empower parents to better assist their child or youth with special health care needs. ABC provided direct financial assistance to families enrolled in long-term services as part of creating a stable foundation. ABC assisted a single father who is raising two children, including Matthew, a 4-year-old boy diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy and Meningitis. Mr. Jones enrolled in October for support with case management, community resources, and medical equipment. The case manager assisted the family with obtaining sign language educational material. Matthew needed a P-Pod chair to ensure he had a soft seating device that had clinical benefits and allowed him to participate with the family during daily activities. Mr. Jones had limited income, and his insurance denied payment of P-Pod chair. ABC assisted with the purchase of the P-Pod chair. Matthew now has a comfortable place to sit that provides support for posture and gives him the ability to be on an equal visual level with his family. This has helped him improve his socialization and communication skills, which support a better quality of life. ABC reduced this family's overall stress while empowering the child to develop new skills.

8: Please provide an updated detailed projected budget with expenses for the received grant. Also include the totals for the budgeted and actual amount. Explain any discrepancies between the budgeted and the actual expenses for the project.

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Requested Funds	Project Funds Actual	Najim Funds Allocation
Food Direct Assistance	\$3,200	\$2,250	\$3,673	\$2,819
Clothing Direct Assistance	\$1,100	\$800	\$579	\$579
Shelter Direct Assistance	\$3,550	\$2,250	\$2,117	\$2,117
Utility Direct Assistance	\$3,550	\$2,200	\$321	\$321
Telephone Direct Assistance	\$125	\$50	\$0	\$0
Medicine Direct Assistance	\$16,900	\$15,000	\$10,057	\$7,862
Medical Providers Direct Assistance	\$2,300	\$2,000	\$100	\$100
Medical Equipment Direct Assistance	\$21,500	\$17,200	\$8,721	\$7,895

Baby Supplies Direct Assistance	\$2,650	\$2,000	\$2,011	\$1,951
Child Care Direct Assistance	\$1,600	\$1,350	\$0	\$0
Funeral Direct Assistance	\$18,900	\$16,500	\$27,485	\$17,167
Transportation Direct Assistance	\$2,200	\$1,600	\$1,926	\$1,576
Other Direct Assistance	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,304	\$1,294
Counseling Direct Assistance	\$3,050	\$1,700	\$4,648	\$2,597
Equipment Rental Direct Assistance	\$275	\$200	\$0	\$0
Legal Direct Assistance	\$1,700	\$900	\$0	\$0
Therapy Direct Assistance	\$1,950	\$1,500	\$302	\$302
Budgeting Direct Assistance	\$1,650	\$900	\$0	\$0
Daily Living Direct Assistance	\$2,200	\$1,100	\$386	\$147
Education Direction Assistance	\$1,950	\$1,000	\$543	\$543
Safety Direct Assistance	\$3,950	\$3,000	\$2,730	\$2,730
TOTAL:	\$96,300	\$75,000	\$66,903	\$50,000
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