

REPORT 2017 October Cycle

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

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REPORT INFORMATION

Report Funding Cycle: 2017 October Cycle	Report Date: 09/04/2019 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: 40,000	Date: 10/19/2018
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2: Were the objectives cited in your original proposal met? Please address each started objective and how it was met.

Yes. Our objectives were to provide our members with the tools and skills needed to help them succeed in school, develop strong character and make positive and healthy lifestyle choices. We fielded Power Hour--our homework assistance program each day after school. We did offer SMART Girls, Passport to Manhood, Date SMART and Street SMARTS curriculum as designed by Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Through collaborations with SACADA (San Antonio Council on Alcohol and Drug Awareness), 4H, Joven (a youth counseling program in San Antonio) and the Kendall County Crisis Center we added guest speakers to our programs on drug and alcohol awareness, self-esteem, positive peer interactions and anti-bullying. We also provided modules on self-worth, positive dating habits (for teens), the risks of online dating and social media and maintaining boundaries. Members participated in a number of service projects as part of our Million Members, Million Hours of Service program. These included cleaning up around the community's local parks, cemeteries and schools. Members also volunteered at the local food pantry twice a month. Several times in the year Club members created and sent cards to the Senior Center and made placemats and decorations. The Comfort Club sponsored a First Responders appreciation day with thank you cards and cocoa. Finally, the Clubs dedicated November as Military Appreciation Month and wrote letters to members of the armed forces as part of Operation Gratitude.

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.

4: What needs were addressed?

With few exceptions, there is an academic achievement gap between ethnicities and high income vs. low income students. Additionally, participation in After School programs has helped to improve socio-economic growth, positive identity, academic achievement and positive developmental experiences. In Boerne, 36% of our members are eligible for free or reduced price lunches at school--an indication of economic disadvantage. In Comfort that percentage jumps to 63%. The members we serve are not from affluent families. Our program is the only affordable after school youth development program in Boerne and in Comfort.

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

Our after school (and summer) programs are focused on academic achievement and early development of strong character traits and healthy habits. We consider the program a success if the children:

- ohad a safe place to learn, have fun and make new friends;
- odemonstrated character growth documented through observed behavior, language, and attitude;
- oexperienced cultures, things and places they had never seen or been before;
- oimproved their social interaction and developed leadership skills;
- osustained or improved their academic and cognitive skills during the after school program; and
- otheir parents will be able to see our program's influence on their children.

We use incident reports, behavior reports, and feedback from teachers, counselors and parents to evaluate whether we are having an impact on our members. We expect to see fewer incident and behavior reports, and receive positive comments from teachers and parents about our members' academic performance. In addition, we use attendance records to evaluate whether members are coming to the Club more regularly and if they are returning to the Club year after year--indicators that the Club is a fun and positive place to be.

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

Yes, it is our intention to continue to provide the Fall Program, along with our Spring and Summer Programs for years to come. Because we intentionally keep our fees low, we rely heavily on two things to sustain our programs--the generosity of donors who share our passion for improving the lives of children, and effective stewardship of the funds we raise. Though administrative services and grant procurement are provided by the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Texas Hill Country and the Executive Board, each chartered club has its own budget, and per policy is not allowed to intentionally operate at a deficit. Additionally each club has a local Advisory Council which is accountable for cultivating relationships with local donors and developing fundraising activities and events. The Executive Board has fiscal and legal oversight over the Clubs, ensuring that funds are being used as effectively as possible to maximize the impact we have on the children we serve.

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

As always, we are grateful for the financial support of the Najim Family Foundation. Your grant award was an investment in the children of Boerne and Comfort. We are humbled by your generosity and help as we work to achieve our mission...to empower all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as caring, responsible and productive citizens. Without your support, and that of others who are committed to improving the lives of children we would not be able to do what we do.

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
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Food	\$7,500	\$6,165	\$4,922	\$4,922
General Supplies	\$800	\$435	\$449	\$435
Special Events	\$500	\$0	\$297	\$0
Supplies--Art	\$200	\$100	\$167	\$100
Supplies--Garden	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies--Education	\$200	\$200	\$266	\$200
Supplies--Recreation	\$200	\$100	\$96	\$96
Front Desk Personnel	\$7,867	\$0	\$5,294	\$0
Custodian	\$2,967	\$0	\$2,722	\$0
Elementary Program Youth Leaders	\$41,728	\$25,000	\$26,019	\$25,000
Teen Program Youth Leaders	\$11,736	\$8,000	\$5,352	\$5,352
TOTAL:	\$73,798	\$40,000	\$45,584	\$36,105

Signature

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