

# REPORT 2017 October Cycle

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Organization Information

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## REPORT INFORMATION

<b>Report Funding Cycle:</b> 2017 October Cycle	<b>Report Date:</b> 09/24/2019 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: 75,000	Date: 10/10/2018
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**2: Were the objectives cited in your original proposal met? Please address each started objective and how it was met.**

The proposed objectives were to impact 925 unduplicated children in one year (475 with Najim Family Foundation funds). In Program Year 2019 (with certain September numbers being estimated based on available data, due to September not being completed at the time of report), FVPS served an unduplicated 1,203 children between the Battered Women and Children's Shelter (BWCS), La Paloma Transitional Housing, Non-residential Counseling, Wings, and Celebrating Families programs.

FVPS's total food expense for this project came in at \$196,608. Najim's \$75,000 calculates to 38% of this expense. Najim funds, therefore, provided funding sufficient for 457 children, within a 5% variance of the projected goal.

The majority of food for children was consumed by the BWCS, Celebrating Families, and La Paloma Transitional Housing programs, so these metrics will be examined more carefully - these programs alone accounted for 979 children. There were 728 child residents of the BWCS, comprising 52% of the population. These children received 22,568 bed nights, and an allocated 88,131 meals (calculating three meals per bednight). These child meals represent 52% of total shelter meals (167,655). Children residing in the La Paloma transitional housing units have access to all BWCS services, including the cafeteria. There were 51 La Paloma child residents, totaling 65% of the transitional population. There were 200 child Celebrating Families participants, comprising 64% of the client population. Every CF group session includes a meal, designed to promote bonding and foster positive parenting practices between at-risk, CPS-involved children and parents.

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

The funds were utilized in line with the original intent. FVPS reported fewer shelter residents in FY19 than in previous years, but this may not be indicative of a lack of need for shelter services. Part of the explanation for the decrease in unduplicated residents could be ascribed to residents residing at the shelter for longer periods of time, perhaps needing additional leeway to work out legal matters or secure stable housing. Therefore it is not that there was a preponderance of empty beds in the shelter, but rather the opposite- that there was limited available beds to bring in new clients. (The BWCS does not turn away clients in imminent need of safety, erecting cots of necessary, but does at times have to restrict entrance to only those in current fear for their safety or those in imminent danger.)

**4: What needs were addressed?**

By increasing FVPS's ability to provide food to at-risk children this grant helped to directly address the concerns of child hunger in violence vulnerable households. Every year, hundreds of adult and child victims seek services through FVPS. Intimate partner violence (IPV) is closely aligned to the economic mobility of victims and survivors, and to the ability for families to function appropriately. Many perpetrators use economic abuse as a form of control. Hahn and Potmus (2013), asserted that domestic violence "forces many women to enter poverty and become trapped by it". Food insecurity, DV, and childhood adversity are linked. Jackson et. al (2018) found that in persistently food-insecure households the probability of victimization or exposure to violence in early childhood was nearly 6 times that of those in food-secure homes. Fear regarding the ability to provide for one's children can lead victims to remain in or return to an abusive situation. Both San Antonio and Bexar County have high percentages of people living in poverty, with 18.6% of people and 14.7% of families in San Antonio meeting this threshold in 2017, and 16.4% of people and 12.9% of families in the county doing so. The problem was even greater for children- 27.2% of city residents and 23.3% of county residents under 18 years qualified for this designation (Census Bureau, ACS 2017).

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

FVPS tracks the total food budget and the total client count across programs, and enters program numbers and certain demographic characteristics into the organization's client management database, Alice. As outlined above, Najim Family Foundation funds assisted FVPS in the provision of food to close to 1,000 unduplicated children.

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

FVpS plans to continue providing important services to victims of domestic violence, including dispensing food to those in need - since food is such an important basic need for children in vulnerable families. FVPS has designated development staff responsible for seeking to maintain and increase funding for services and programs. The organization also holds three fundraising events each year, including the Purple Run in October, Nutcracker Sweets in December, and the Honoring Mothers luncheon in May.

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

IPV related femicides have seen a sharp, repeated increase. According to TCFV's Honoring Texas Victims reports, the number of intimate partner femicides in Bexar County increased from 11 in 2016 to 18 in 2017, ranking the county second in the state for incidence. Of those murdered in 2017, 33% were listed as having ended or taken steps to end the relationship, reinforcing the notion that separation can be a particularly dangerous time (TCFV, 2018). In 2018, the number of intimate partner femicides in Bexar County again rose- to 28, making it the highest number per capita in the state. Many perpetrators commit more than one act of violence (TCVF, 2018).

Domestic violence and child abuse are linked. In Bexar County in FY 2018, there were 14,578 child abuse investigations, ranking it second in the state for number of investigations. In 2017, there were 5,588 confirmed victims in the county, up from 4,550 in 2016. Of confirmed allegations that year, neglectful supervision was the most common (4,369 incidents) with physical abuse being the second most common (776). Ahmadabadi et. al, (2018) suggested that "preventing the IPV itself may be the most direct way of reducing child maltreatment".

FVPS sincerely appreciates the continued assistance which the Najim Family Foundation has provided to serve the needs of children in at-risk families, helping to provide traumatized children with basic needs so that BWCS can accept anyone needing shelter or assistance who is appropriate for services, and Celebrating Families can help to mend families.

**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.**

<b>Line Item Description</b>	<b>Total Project Funds Allocation</b>	<b>Najim Requested Funds</b>	<b>Project Funds Actual</b>	<b>Najim Funds Allocation</b>
	\$0	\$	\$0	\$0
Food for Children	\$175,000	\$75,000	\$196,608	\$75,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$196,608</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

**Signature**  
Marta Prada Peláez