

# REPORT 2019 October Cycle

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Organization Information

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## REPORT INFORMATION

<b>Report Funding Cycle:</b> 2019 October Cycle	<b>Report Date:</b> 08/08/2019 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: 10/23/2019
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**2: Were the objectives cited in your original proposal met? Please address each started objective and how it was met.**

Yes, the objectives stated in the original proposal for Community Partnership retreats were met.

Objective 1- The goal of recruiting 25 families per retreat was met. Some cancellations occurred due to family sickness or other situations such as parents unable to take off from work.

Objective 2- Coordinators for the Community Partnership organizations reported that the overnight camping experience at Family Camp was a useful tool in their individual programming. One of the coordinators said, "This opportunity reinforces many aspects of the services provided by our agency, from quality family time, to having structure, to communication. The camp and activities are structured in a way to help families focus on what matters the most, family!" The Najim funds made it possible for these organizations to attend retreats at no cost.

Objective 3- 23 of the 47 families completed the surveys. 94.5% responded that the objective was met. Families learned how to relate to one another, away from all the distractions of daily life. They had time to spend together through programmed activities and free time. Families had the freedom to open up with each other, mentors and with God, which strengthened their faith.

Objective 4- Family camp was a great way for Good Sam to recognize families who met certain milestones in their program such as completing the Raising Highly Capable Kids curriculum.

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

No changes were made to the original proposal or stated objectives.

**4: What needs were addressed?**

Need one: We partnered with qualified organizations to provide overnight programmed retreats for the families they serve. Community Partnership Retreats are designed for families to have fun, enjoy meals together, experience new activities and strengthen relationships. The retreat setting, in the beautiful Frio River Canyon, allows families to relax and surround themselves with nature. Children benefit when they can learn and explore in new environments. In addition to being well cared for, programming is provided to include uplifting music, and speakers with encouraging and inspiring messages. During the retreat, families also learn about effective communication tools that will benefit their families, children and teenagers.

Need two: Transportation was provided to allow families to attend these retreats. Many families do not have the means to travel outside the city. When transportation is offered, it is a huge support to the family. By traveling together, families are able to develop relationships with one another, before the retreat begins. Our desire to ensure hospitality eases their minds from the stressors they experience on a daily basis. For children, travel outside of their neighborhood builds excitement, exposes them to new experiences, and promotes imagination.

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

The method of evaluation used to monitor, and measure outcomes was:

- Foundation database tracks family registrations and attendance.
- Surveys offered to participating families post retreat.
- Surveys provided to organization coordinators of the two nonprofits participating in the retreats.
- Post retreat communication with coordinators for organizations.

Results:

23 of 47 families completed the surveys, 94.5% indicated their experience at Laity Lodge Family Camp provided them with tools for better communication, building relationships by striving to know and be known by one another, and opportunities to grow their faith through praise and worship.

Surveys and post retreat communication from program coordinators indicated families were able to unplug from their daily stresses and bonded with each other. Many of the families do not have the financial capability to attend programs such as this and these retreats give our families something to look forward to.

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

We plan to continue to partner with non-profit organizations in San Antonio who serve vulnerable children and families through Community Partnership retreats. In addition to children and families being served the organizations assisting them benefit as well. These retreats are made available at no cost to these deserving families, therefore we plan to sustain this project through:

- 1) Grants awarded for this project, that are managed and stewarded well to remain eligible for funding requests year after year. On a regular basis, new grant funding opportunities are reviewed.
- 2) Continued work with individual donors supporting Community Partnership retreats. They are informed of retreat results and impact, keeping them engaged in this important work with vulnerable families. Additionally, new donors who are interested in supporting this work are actively cultivated each year.

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

Families and Coordinators from SAMMinistries and Good Samaritan Center who participated in the Community Partnership retreats comment on their experiences. Sharing these comments demonstrates the impact of this project to those served.

Family responses-

"It was very fun and we had plenty of time to spend with our family and hear about God."

"It gave me an opportunity to spend one on one time with my kids."

"Doing art with my kids and seeing them smile was awesome."

"Peacefulness and exposure to nature allowed us to enjoy God's gifts"

"Time at camp helped us to reflect on why family is important."

"Disengaging with the outside world allowed for time to visit with other families, having meals together and doing fun activities."

"Our family was able to enjoy a trip without struggles or stress."

"We were all refreshed by our time here."

"The staff was so welcoming and made the experience so much better."

"Enjoyed being together, intentional time to talk about important things."

Coordinator statements-

"Families learn practical ways to communicate and build relationships."

"Our families really look forward to this camp."

Many of our families do not have the financial capability to take a break, so this opportunity is huge for them.

**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>
Adult Registration Fee-apx. 177 @ \$280 ea.	\$49,560	\$8,834	\$25,370	\$11,764
Youth (ages 12-17) Fee-apx. 55 @ \$220 ea.	\$12,100	\$7,700	\$7,820	\$7,820
Child (ages 2-11) Fee-apx. 171 @ \$170 ea.	\$29,070	\$16,490	\$13,320	\$13,320
Infant (under 2) Fee-apx. 25 @ \$20 ea.	\$500	\$200	\$320	\$320
Transportation for children, youth, and parents	\$14,496	\$6,776	\$6,776	\$6,776
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$105,726</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>\$53,606</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>

**Signature**

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