

REPORT 2018 October Cycle

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization Information

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REPORT INFORMATION

Report Funding Cycle: 2018 October Cycle	Report Date: 09/25/2019 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: 30,000	Date: 10/10/2019
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2: Were the objectives cited in your original proposal met? Please address each started objective and how it was met.

Success for the South Texas Alliance for Orphans in collaboration with the Najim Charitable Foundation means more than enough homes, resources, and support for all families and children impacted by the foster care system.

Objectives:

1. 100% of foster families who are actively engaged in an Alliance supported church were fostering after one year.

- Alliance church ministries supported 456 foster/adopt/kinship families serving 810 children.

- Verified 166 short term (0-72 hour) babysitters through the Babysitting Collaborative

- Hosted one CONNECTED event and helped 20 struggling foster families connect with verified short term babysitters

2. 60 people started the process to become a foster family achieved by:

- 10,851 individuals heard about the crisis through dedicated messages in churches.

- 940 individuals attended an informational meeting with a clear presentation of the crisis and all the ways to serve

3. 1005 people served along the foster care continuum through CASA, Mentors and care community for foster/adopt/kinship families achieved by:

- Increased the number of churches with active foster/adopt/kinship ministries to 45.

4. Trauma trained attendees report an increased ability to care for children from trauma after an Alliance training.

- 95% of attendees trained in trauma report increased ability to care for children with trauma.

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

We increased our efforts in educating the community in trauma-informed care. In part due to the South Texas Trauma-Informed Consortium, the interest in trauma-informed care locally has increased. We have been able to expand the invite for our trauma training to other organizations that serve children impacted by the foster care system and their staff. We also hired a TBRI Practioner in May. Her certification and ability to train others allowed us to increase our trauma training opportunities. We have also seen more churches adopt trauma training for their staff and volunteers.

4: What needs were addressed?

An insufficient number of quality foster and adoptive homes; and the lack of prevention and support services for families are perpetuating a cycle of abuse and neglect. Each year close to 8,000 children in Bexar county area are confirmed victims of abuse and neglect. On average 2,000 of those children are placed in the foster care system every year, all having experienced some level of trauma. Last year, our community lacked families for over 1,000 children resulting in them being placed outside our area, often separated from siblings and healthy family members. On average, 50% of families that start fostering this year will quit by next year due to lack of support often resulting in children moving 2-6 times before finding permanency.

We know from a robust body of research that a family environment improves healing, promotes normalcy in childhood and models healthy family life for children who have often never experienced it, while also being the most cost-effective solution. Healing families must be made aware of the crisis, educated on all the ways to get involved, trained, supported and connected to resources. The Alliance is the only organization actively meeting this community need.

The Alliance also serves as a collaborative hub for training, equipping and connecting organization in our community with the under accessed church community creating a force multiplier that amplifies the energy of all the players to have a collective impact for children, families, and communities.

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

The Alliance used attendee surveys, 1:1 meetings with ministry leaders for self-report stats at their church, and event registrations.

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

We plan to continue the More than Enough Project. We are in year three of a five-year project. The project has been funded by foundations, churches, and individual donors. With the help of a consultant, we have created a donor stewardship plan for individuals. We have added two new foundations that are supporting the program. We are planning a conference in February of 2021 to not only increase our support of foster, adoptive and kinship families but will be an opportunity to introduce more community partners to our work and diversify our donor pool.

We will be contracting with an event planner for the conference and plan to add another church engagement specialist in 2020. We will be contracting with a strategi planner in 2020 to create our next 3-year strategic plan.

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

We were able to diversify our funding. Carrie Gray has been providing consulting help for fundraising as well as strategic planning and board development. we continue to be blessed with generous community members who donate their seviles and goods resulting in lower than projected expenses.

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
Church Engagement and Equipping	\$60,600	\$25,000	\$54,910	\$16,369
Family Equipping	\$21,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Community Equipping	\$48,000	\$20,000	\$39,765	\$10,914
Caseworker Kits	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,717	\$2,717
Babysitting Collaborative	\$9,000	\$0	\$6,007	\$0
TOTAL:	\$141,600	\$48,000	\$103,399	\$30,000

Signature

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