

EXAMPLES OF SPECIAL EVENT GRANTS (2008 – 2010)

Education

Village Vista Elementary School – Funds were used to purchase books and supplies for the Reading Partners Program which assists disadvantaged children, many of whom come from economically challenged homes and participate in the free or reduced-fee lunch program. (Part of Town Center Volunteer Program) (AZ)

Taft Elementary School – Funds were used to host a Father and Son Bingo Night to help maintain and foster the fathers' involvement and support of their children and their children's education at the school which is located in an economically depressed area and where 77% of the students are in the assisted lunch program. (Part of Town Center Volunteer Program) (AZ)

Forth Worth Independent School District, Western Hills Elementary School – Funds were used to provide after-school and Saturday tutoring classes for students. Over 87% of the students receive free or reduced-fee lunches. (TX)

Books on Wheels – Books on Wheels provides free books and free bicycle repair which promotes literacy and healthy, active lifestyles. The funds were used to help outfit the buses which serve as traveling classrooms. (VA)

United Way of Ventura County – The funds were used to purchase books for the Books Bonanza Program which provides books for elementary students who would not otherwise be able to afford them. (CA)

Dare to Dream Scholarship Society Inc. – The funds were used to provide books and other educational necessities to children in need. (CA)

Civic

Ventura Police Activities League – Ventura PAL supports PEAK (Program Enrichment for Afterschool Kids) to provide free programs on seven campuses, serving 500 children. The funds were used to send underprivileged children on a camping trip chaperoned by PAL. (CA)

Broomfield Police Department – The funds were used to provide toys to children in need through their Santa Cops Program. (CO)

Santa Barbara Police Activities League – The Santa Barbara PAL Explorer Program targets low-income high school students interested in law enforcement. The funds were used to provide transportation for teens attending the 3-day Explorer Competition. (Part of Town Center Volunteer Program) (CA)

Police Officers of Scottsdale Outreach Inc. – The funds were used to take underprivileged children shopping during the annual Shop with a Cop Back to School shopping day. (AZ)

Grand Junction Police Department – As part of their Shop with a Cop Program, the funds were used to provide a special day of shopping for children in need, including having a photo taken with Santa. (CO)

Humanitarian

Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank – The funds were used to purchase non-perishable food items for the Backpack for Weekends Program. (AZ)

Paz de Cristo Community Program – The funds were used to provide food for evening meals at the homeless center. (Part of Town Center Volunteer Program) (AZ)

United Way of Kitsap County – Project Connect is a one day event to provide homeless individuals and families with a meal, clothing and an opportunity to connect with health care providers. The funds were used to provide food and equipment for this event. (WA)

Penny Lane Centers – Penny Lane provides foster care, adoption services and special education for children. The funds were used to provide a Thanksgiving dinner for children served by the center. (CA)

Youth Emergency Services & Shelter of Iowa – YESS provides a safe place for runaway, abused and homeless children. The funds were used to take the children shopping during YESS's annual Winter Shopping Spree. (Part of Town Center Volunteer Program) (IA)

Family & Children's Aid – The funds were used to provide backpacks and school supplies to children residing in the homeless shelter. (Part of Town Center Volunteer Program) (CT)

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles – The funds were used to purchase building supplies in connection with A Brush with Kindness Program. A Brush with Kindness helps low income households with maintenance and home repairs. (Part of Town Center Volunteer Program) (CA)

Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines Inc. – The funds were used to purchase materials to rehabilitate 60 aging houses for low-income homeowners who are elderly, disabled, or are families with dependent children, on "Rebuild Day" as part of SouthRidge Mall's MVP Volunteer Week. (IA)

Hospice of the Valley – The funds were used to host patient and family get-togethers for seniors at three assisted living facilities. (AZ)

Township of Freehold Senior Center – The funds were used to purchase various kitchen supplies for the Senior Center. (Part of Town Center Volunteer Program) (NJ)

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Santa Barbara County – The Holiday Celebration provides holiday cheer for low-income children in the community. The funds were used to purchase gifts for the children. (Part of Town Center Volunteer Program) (CA)

Kids Aid – Kids Aid provides non-perishable food items to needy children over the weekend. The funds were used to fill over 80 backpacks for the children and Mesa Mall's employees packed the backpacks as part of their MVP Volunteer Week. (CO)

Packages From Home – The funds were used for postage to send packages of donated food, personal care and recreation items to US troops in Iraq, Afghanistan, Korea and other locations. (Part of Town Center Volunteer Program) (AZ)

Operation Shoe Box New Jersey – The funds were used to purchase postage and shipping materials to send donated items, cards and letters to US troops overseas. (Part of Town Center Volunteer Program) (NJ)

Arts

Black Hills Symphony Orchestra – The funds were used to provide shuttle transportation for low-income seniors to attend a special symphony presentation. (SC)

The ARC of Monmouth – ARC's Red Horse Gallery features artists with disabilities. The funds were used to purchase additional lighting for the gallery. (NJ)

Rubicon Theatre Company – The Theatre serves students of all ages with after-school, weekend and summer theatre programs and camps. The funds were used to provide scholarships for classes based on financial need. (CA)

Mountain View Elementary School – The funds were used to host an outing for the first grade class (one-third of which are hearing-impaired) to attend a holiday theater performance and receive a book to take home. (Part of Town Center Volunteer Program) (CO)

Health

American Cancer Society – The funds were used to purchase wigs for cancer patients in Ventura County undergoing chemotherapy who are unable to afford a wig. (CA)

Children’s Miracle Network – The funds were used to purchase toys and games for the “Santa Fund” which will be distributed by Santa to children staying in area hospitals over the holidays. (SD)

John Wayne Cancer Institute – Mandel/Clark Fund –The funds were used to purchase mastectomy bras, wigs and other items for patients. (CA)

Make a Wish Foundation of the Tri Counties Inc. – The funds were used toward fulfilling a wish of a five year-old to go to Disneyland and meet Cinderella. (CA)

Muscular Dystrophy Association – The MDA sponsors a week long summer camp for children diagnosed with a neuromuscular disease. The funds were used to purchase supplies for the camp including arts & crafts supplies, snacks and medical supplies. (TX)

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kentuckiana – The funds were used to provide household and grocery items for the house. (Part of Town Center Volunteer Program) (IN)

Sun Catcher Therapeutic Riding Academy Inc. – The Riding Academy provides therapeutic riding programs for children and adults with disabilities. The funds were used to provide ribbons and participation acknowledgements. (SD)

Susan G. Komen Foundation – The funds were used to provide snacks and beverages for the Survivors Tent at the annual Race for the Cure. (Part of Town Center Volunteer Program) (TX)