

Program/Activity Report – National Trends & Services

Date: April & May 21

Location:

Facet(s): National Trends and Services

Situation: *Providing Support to Homeless Shelter and Feeding the Homeless and partnership with the Tacoma Rescue Mission and Bethlehem Baptist Church and forging partnerships with organizations helping people enter the workplace.*

Throughout the months of April and May, NTS Committee collected clothing, food and household goods and furniture to donate to the homeless, unemployed and needy members of Tacoma's communities. Members and their friends and families, cleared out their closets and garages for professional clothing, excess furniture and appliances. Donations were made to Phoebe House, Habitat for Humanity, Bethlehem Baptist Church and Tacoma Rescue Mission

Link Mary Wilson estate donated closets full of high quality professional clothing to organizations with Clothing Closets that prepare people who are re-entering the workforce. Many items of furniture were donated to Habitat for Humanity.

Mission/Vision

Supporting one community at a time. The military community is a very important part of Tacoma, Pierce County. The health and welfare of soldiers and their families requires community support in ways that the government may not provide. The homeless community is an ever-present awareness by the lack of affordable housing, working families without homes, food insecurity and health inequities in black communities. Extending our existing initiatives to include communities identified as having the greatest need increases as these inequities are being exposed in a variety of new circumstances. Covid19 has stretched resources beyond their limits and supporting the our communities collaborating partnerships is a focus for NTS.

Goals of the program/activity *to address our problem, we will accomplish the following activities (ex. We will collaborate with an area agency/church to provide hygiene kits for the homeless).*

The donation of basic and professional clothing to the Clothing Closets are in anticipation of people going back to work as the pandemic restrictions are becoming more relaxed. Hygiene kits and supplies are always needed to support homeless families via their shelter.

Participation *Clearly identify the demographic being served (ex. homeless, battered women, elderly, children).*

In addition to Tacoma Rescue Mission there is Bethlehem Baptist Church Homeless Shelter- homeless families and individuals. The New Phoebe House which supports victimized women and children to find support and resources to overcome their challenges.

Description of the program/activity: NTS supports the Tacoma Rescue Mission as a partner in supporting the homeless with donations and support of their various programs. It also supports the Homeless Initiative in other community programs of which Bethlehem Baptist Church is one of them.

Outcomes: *List short-term, mid-term and long-term outcomes of the program/event (ex. Establishing a long-term collaborative relationship between a community agency or organization and The Links Inc. Tacoma (WA) Chapter).*

Tacoma Rescue Mission is an established sustainable long-term collaborative relationship with the Tacoma WA Links Chapter. Bethlehem Baptist Church additionally is a long-term collaboration that is also linked to Tacoma Rescue Mission

Census data: *Include the number of chapter members, non-Links, men, women, ethnicity, and age range (ex. Children: 0-12, Teens: 13-19, Young Adults: 20-24), Seniors.*

Collaborations: *Include other Links chapters or community partners collaborated with to plan and/or implement the program/activity. Be sure to describe their involvement.*

Contact and collaboration were made with Zeta Omega Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. as their Target Programs dovetail with NTS's mission with community support of the homeless, military communities and financial stability for families in need.

How was the program/activity publicized? *(ex. Social media such as the Chapter's Facebook and Instagram pages, posters, news media).*

Cost: *It is vital to track the expense which determines the strategic financial success of the program/activity.*

Projected cost:

Actual cost:

If a grant or underwriting was obtained for the event provide the following:

Name(s) of in-kind donation/service

Total amount underwritten or grant amount received.

Total monetary value of in-kind donation/service

List any items donated.

Evaluation: *What do you want to know? How will you know? Include how your program/activity was measured (ex. Pre and posttests, peer evaluations or surveys).*

Photos: *Include program/activity images (preferably of actions or the participants). Please call upon one member of the facet to capture the demographic data and photos for each program/event.*

See photos on next page.

Link Mary Wilson Estate Donations to Habitat for Humanity-Link Stephanie Tisby



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