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OUR MOTHER'S HOME OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INC
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Charities Application Number: CPP20-0000025331
Date Submitted: 05/27/2020
Status: Submitted
Application Title: Capital Project-Purchase of SUV

Program / Project Details

Purpose of the Program / Project request

The Mission of Our Mother's Home is to keep teen mothers from human trafficking and other traumas together with their children in a safe, nurturing, supportive transitional group home. Our Vision is to end the repetitive cycle of foster care and generational poverty that afflicts teen mothers and their children.

Our Mother's Home offers transitional housing with 24/7 care provided by 12 certified staff 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, and 365 days a year for young mothers (ages 12-21). Staff gives guidance, counsels, administers medications, and assesses therapy or type of assistance immediately. The focus of Our Mother's Home is to keep young foster mothers and their babies together. The community need we respond to is providing a safe home for teen mothers and their children and a program to ensure they are ready for independence. Our Mentored Living Program provides the tools teen mothers need to succeed, plus specialized skills and enrichment programs required as a teen parent to care for their child.

The target population we serve are very low-income teen foster mothers (ages 12-18) and their child (ages 0-5), and two young mothers in Extended Care Life Skills Program (ages 18-21) and their child (ages 0-5). Our Mother's Home can care for 8 teen mothers and 8 babies at one time, and 2 mothers in extended foster care and 2 babies at one time. Due to transitioning to independent living and/or other reasons, we serve more than 10 young mothers and their babies during a year. Residents are of diverse cultural backgrounds and many are domestic and international victims of human trafficking. All of the residents are economically disadvantaged. After participating in all Our Mother's Home offers, residents transition into self-sufficient living and contribute to their community by being a good parent with a job and "pay it back" with volunteer services in the community.

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The most pressing need is to replace the current 2013 SUV having 113,000 miles on it with a newer SUV. The current SUV is costing us extra funding to keep up with items that malfunction. After adding up the costs for unusual repair and maintenance, it was decided that a newer vehicle is beneficial as a cost savings, reliability and safety for our residents and staff. A newer SUV is required to safely transport teen mothers and their babies to the hospital, appointments and outings. The newer SUV will provide normalcy for teen mothers without feeling institutionalized and acts as a comfortable place for teen mothers to talk with staff in a private environment. Counseling sessions are held during transport because of the secluded environment where teen mothers feel relaxed and safe. A smaller vehicle is safer and more economical.

With transition, Our Mother's Home expects to serve 20 teen mothers and 20 babies during 2020-21 and about the same number of teen mothers and babies annually over the next five to seven years who will benefit from this newer vehicle. Over the next five years, approximately 100 teen mothers and their children will be served. Others who benefit from a new SUV are the 12 staff that work at Our Mother's Home and drive the SUV on a daily basis, and, at times, a volunteer that may ride with staff and residents for a particular appointment (e.g., Guardian Ad Litem, court, hospital, to name a few). On any given week, an estimated 20 volunteers provide assistance and services at Our Mother's Home. In order to ensure that Our Mother's Home can provide for its residents efficiently and effectively to deliver the Mentored Living Program and provide the best 24/7 care to our residents, a newer SUV is mandatory.

To complete and implement this capital project, we are requesting \$4,000 from Publix Super Markets Charities and submitting grant proposals to the Claiborne and Ned Foulds Foundation (\$15,000) and the Robert J. Gunterberg Charitable Foundation (\$2,000). We expect the SUV to last five to seven years due to heavy usage daily. We do not foresee any challenges to successfully completing the purchase to ensure we have a dependable, safe and economical SUV for our staff and residents. We expect to have all funding for this project by December 31, 2020.

Date Needed: 12/14/2020

Is a Logo Needed?: Yes

Amount Requested for this Program: \$4,000.00

If approved, please describe the plan for recognizing Publix Charities' grant.



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Publix Charities will be recognized on our website for funding this project. Our Mother's Home staff will work with Publix to see if a check presentation is possible. Publix Charities will also be recognized on our Facebook page and on our monthly Constant Contact newsletter.

Total cost of Project / Program: \$21,000.00

Total pledged toward Project / Program at this time: \$0.00

Recent Contributors

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Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation full proposal	\$37,500.00	05/01/2020
Suncoast Credit Union	\$15,000.00	03/04/2020
The Allegretti Foundation	\$10,000.00	05/07/2020
Swinging With a Purpose	\$5,900.00	05/11/2020
The ROS Foundation	\$10,000.00	01/27/2020

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Contributor Name	Amount
N/A	\$0.00
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Miscellaneous Info Documents

Add any miscellaneous documents for the application here.

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