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EVP Philanthropy Services

Chester County Community Foundation

Beth,

Thank you for the opportunity to update the foundation on the current status of Hearts In Hands Community Center (HIHCC).

Like many non-profits, the period from March 2020 through May of 2021 was particularly challenging for us. While almost all of our expenses remained constant, revenues were slashed by roughly 75% as almost all programs and events were cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. We were able to continue our supplemental food distribution program combining free food from the Chester County Food Bank with food purchased through a COVID relief grant provided by the United Way, which helped families living in the manufactured home communities we serve, who were among the hardest hit populations in the county. We were also fortunate that all of our staff are volunteers, and they continued to give of their time because of their dedication to our mission and to the clients we serve.

Our Board made the decision in February of this year to plan for programs restarting part-way through 2021, and we will be offering our summer camp program to children in the communities we serve in late June and mid-July. Camp will be modified – all outdoors, limited to 30 campers per week (previously we had run at roughly 50), and following all CDC and PA Department of Health guidelines for small groups that remain separated from the rest of the campers, social distancing, wearing of facemasks, no sharing of supplies and materials, and the like. Both parents and children are looking forward to getting kids out of the house and allowing them to play and interact with others in the fresh air.

We anticipate that we will be starting up other of our programs in the fall, and anticipate things such as a babysitting training course (in conjunction with the 4H), a sewing club, a robotics program (again with the 4H) and others that will allow us to provide the broad spectrum of events and programs. This array of offerings is designed to help the children in our communities develop

intellectually, physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually, and are the building blocks for “Building Stronger Youth Communities”.

We would be honored to once again be considered for a grant from the Zelinda LeBoutillier Charitable Foundation. A grant of \$500 would fully fund one of the courses, clubs or programs identified above. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

John Yurkutat

Board President – Hearts In Hands Community Center