Franciscan Outreach Late Call

Franciscan Outreach Association (FOA) has almost thirty years of experience serving Chicago’s poor and homeless. FOA’s mission is to provide for the basic human needs of the homeless and marginalized in warm, open, welcoming environments of mutual respect. FOA has no religious or geographic restrictions on who we serve. They require only that guests are respectful and not intoxicated for participation in their programs.

FOA’s current programs are:

- The Marquard Center Soup Kitchen, which served an average of 138 meals per night in 2004,
- The Franciscan House of Mary and Joseph emergency overnight shelter, a 250-bed facility that operates at capacity almost every night, and
- The Case Management Program, which provided direct assistance and referrals to 1,710 unduplicated clients last year. These services complement FOA’s emergency services and helps guests find permanent housing, employment, mental health care, medical care, substance abuse treatment, and anything else they need to build a better life.

Late Call Program

One hundred of House of Mary and Joseph’s 250 beds are reserved for long-term guests who come on a nightly basis. The rest are allocated on a first come, first served basis – guests who need one of the 150 unreserved beds can sign up for one at 7:00 p.m. daily. But many of the homeless work (Continued on page 4)

Senate/House
2006 Budget Reconciliation Action

On November 3, the Senate passed S. 1932, the Deficit Reduction Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 2005, making $36 billion in cuts to mandatory programs. Passed by a vote of 52-47, this budget reconciliation bill marks the first cuts to mandatory programs since 1997. S. 1932 also includes approximately $35 billion in new spending.

Two Democratic Senators voted in favor of the bill’s passage: Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA), whose hurricane-devastated state picked up several billion dollars in emergency spending through the bill, and Senator Ben Nelson (D-NE). Senators Norm Coleman (R-MN), Susan Collins (R-ME), Olympia Snowe (R-ME), Lincoln Chafee (R-RI) and Mike DeWine (R-OH) crossed party lines to vote in opposition to the bill, largely because of a provision allowing oil exploration in the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

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You can read a draft agenda and register for the conference at the website below: http://128.248.232.70/glakes/cc/courseDetail.asp?GID=329

For further information, contact Katrina Van Valkenburgh, Corporation for Supportive Housing: (312) 588-1236 ext.14

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New Report on Performance Measurement

Abt Associates Inc. recently released “Measuring the Performance of Programs that Serve Homeless People,” a report that examines the Department of Housing and Urban Development’s performance measures for the Supportive Housing Program, Shelter Plus Care, Single Room Occupancy Moderate Rehabilitation for the Homeless and Emergency Shelter Grants programs, which are funded by McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants. The report discusses the weaknesses and strengths of HUD’s current measures and identifies opportunities for improving these measures.

A PDF of the report is available on the Alliance website at www.endhomelessness.org/pub/toolkit/MeasuringPerformanceofProgramsthatServeHomelessPeople.pdf

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Housing for Persons with Disabilities

Funding Source: HUD
Eligibility: PHAs and nonprofits that provide services to persons with disabilities
Total Available: $10,200,000
Number Of Grants Available: N. A.
Maximum Grant Size: N. A.
Deadline: 1/3/06
Contact Information: Dorthera Yorkshire,(202) 708-0667
Description: The purpose of the Mainstream Program is to provide vouchers under the Housing Choice Voucher Program to enable persons with disabilities (elderly and non-elderly) to access affordable private housing. Public housing agencies (PHAs) and nonprofit organizations that provide services to the disabled are eligible to apply. Those PHAs and nonprofit organizations interested in applying for the approximately $10.2 million in five-year budget authority (anticipated to fund approximately 250 vouchers) under this funding announcement should carefully review the General Section of the SuperNOFA published March 21, 2005 (70 FR 13575).
Federal Register Publication: 11/2/05

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2006 Rural Housing Appropriations

The House and Senate, on October 28 and November 3 respectively, approved the Conference Report (H. Rept. 109-255) on H. R. 2744, a bill to fund rural housing and other USDA programs for FY06. President Bush is expected to sign the bill. Overall the news for housing in the bill is good, as the conferees adopted the higher numbers for important programs such as Section 502 direct homeownership loans ($1.14 billion) and Section 515 rural rental housing loans ($100 million). Other programs maintained their FY05 funding levels or had fairly small cuts. Section 521 rental assistance received an increase from $592 million in FY05 to $653 million in FY06.

The final bill also includes several important new rural rental preservation initiatives, which originated in the Senate. These include $9 million for a new rural rental housing preservation demonstration program, $3 million for a second year of preservation loans to intermediaries, and $16 million for the never-before-funded Section 542 rural voucher program. The Conference report instructs USDA to follow HUD Section 8 regulations in implementing the new voucher program. In addition, as much as $8 million of the $653 million in rental assistance funds may be used for financing to promote preservation. Included is authority to use up to $50,000 per project for advances to nonprofit or public agencies for costs of acquiring and preserving Section 515 projects. The $50,000 cap is a welcome increase over the prior $20,000 level.

For further information, contact the Housing Assistance Council or the National Low Income Housing Coalition at the addresses in Headlines Directory.

Effectiveness Of Nonprofit Web Sites

TechSoup suggests ways to take a more critical look at your organization’s Web site, and find out how to improve it, enrich it, and make it easier to use. For more information, go to: www.techsoup.org/howto/yourstories/webbuilding/page1499.cfm

List Of The Best for Boards

How does a person learn how to be a great board member? Probably the best way is to have a good board president to observe in action. Here are some others:

Four Best Books for Nonprofit Board Members


2. Governing Boards: their Nature and Nurture, the classic by Cyril O. Houle that says it all. $30.00 at www.amazon.com.


Four Best Websites for Nonprofit Board Members

- www.boardcafe.org
  Where you can find archived issues, subscribe, and more.

  Click on “Board Info” for free answers to frequently asked questions about boards.

- www.boardnetusa.org
  If your board is seeking new board members, you can post openings on this free site.

And if you’re looking for a new board to join, you can see what organizations in your area might be interested in what you have to offer.

www.irs.gov/charities/charitable
The Internal Revenue Service site that includes downloadable required forms (under “Filing Requirements), frequently asked questions about nonprofits and links to the state offices that regulate nonprofits.

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or attend substance abuse meetings during the day and can’t wait in line to sign up for a bed, effectively forcing them to choose between working and sleeping in a safe environment.

That’s why Franciscan Outreach has the Late Call Program at House of Mary and Joseph. “We’ve always been prepared to work with people who don’t work regular hours,” said Eric Swiecki, an Overnight Supervisor at House of Mary and Joseph. “Having Late Call is especially important for people who rely on temporary employment.” Swiecki added that 52 people currently use Late Call on a regular basis, around half for employment and half for substance abuse treatment. In order to be eligible for Late Call, guests need to provide a signed letter with a phone number from an employer, social service agency, or pastor. Late Call can only be used for the days a person is working or has a scheduled group.

Frenchie McGruder, a guest at House of Mary and Joseph and former Late Call user, said that “it’s almost a necessity.” McGruder had worked as a professional mover while he stayed at the shelter during 2003. The sporadic nature of his job made it impossible for him to be in line on many days. “There was nights I’d get off anywhere from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. I had the company truck drop me off [at the shelter] one time.” McGruder credited the Late Call program for allowing him to save enough money to move out of the shelter for a time. “Basically, you take the Late Call away, you got a lot of guys staying here a whole lot longer.”

Executive Director Father Larry Janezic agrees. “I think you have to respect an individuals’ request to be legitimately occupied so that he can’t wait in line,” said Father Larry. “We also have to ensure that everyone who needs a bed will have a place to sleep.”

For that reason, Father Larry said that anyone who abuses their Late Call privileges is barred from the shelter for a week. Staff members regularly check the Late Call letters to ensure that the guests who use Late Call are still eligible. Father Larry added that “for the first night a guest needs Late Call, we don’t require a letter in advance” and that guests cannot call after 7pm.

“We see Late Call as . . . a way to help people help themselves.”

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Franciscan Outreach Association
FOA offers homeless persons a healthy dose of respect and dignity along with our emergency services and one-on-one practical assistance.

Emergency overnight shelter at Franciscan House of Mary & Joseph
- Open every night of the year
- 250 beds with blankets, sheets, & pillows
- Supper, breakfast & showers
- Visits by medical and mental health outreach workers
- One-on-one case management

A dining room and supportive services at the Marquard Center
- Full supper with meat dish, side dishes
- Showers
- Free laundry service
- Visits by health care workers
- Visits by mental health outreach workers
- One-on-one case management

The FOA Case Management Program where trained case managers help our guests
- Set goals & establish priorities
- Find and access social services
- Deal with multiple issues

“We see Late Call as an important accommodation for our guests to help them keep jobs and find more stable housing. It’s really a way to help people help themselves.”
Senate/House
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During debate on the bill, Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) offered an amendment to retain HUD’s Upfront grant program as a mandatory program. The amendment failed, by a vote of 48-51. Every Democratic Senator voted to retain the housing preservation program, as did Senators Lincoln Chafee (R-RI), Mike DeWine (R-OH), Arlen Specter (R-PA), and Christopher Bond (R-MO).

Also on November 3, the House Budget Committee marked up its version of the Deficit Reduction Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 2005, with $14.8 billion in new spending and $53.9 in cuts to mandatory programs, including an $844 million cut to food stamps. During the markup debate, Representative Paul Ryan (R-WI) said that cuts to the food stamp program were achieved through tightening eligibility requirements.

The House bill includes cuts to HUD’s Upfront grant program. Advocates will work with Representatives to save this critical housing preservation program by attempting to add an amendment to retain the program as mandatory when the reconciliation bill is brought to the House floor.

The bill passed the House Budget Committee with a vote of 21-17, with only Representative Connie Mack (R-FL) crossing party lines to vote against passage. The bill will likely be brought to the House floor for a vote the week of November 14, though House leaders have indicated they will wait until they are certain they have the votes to pass the bill.

Presuming passage on the House floor, the two budget reconciliation bills will go to Conference Committee, anticipated to be a difficult negotiation due to the large differences in the two bills. Republican leaders working to push the bills toward final passage also must contend with a threat by the White House to veto the bill, due to proposed cuts to the Medicare program.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates the budget deficit to be $1.6 trillion over the next five years, and Democrats in both the House and the Senate noted that these bills will do little in the way of deficit reduction.

For further information, contact the National Low Income Housing Coalition at the address in Headlines Directory.

Best for Boards
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Two Fast Reads About the Nonprofit Sector

❖ The Resilient Sector: The State of Nonprofit America by Lester Salamon, $16.95 at www.amazon.com

Sometimes we get so wrapped up in just one nonprofit organization, we lose sight of the role the whole nonprofit sector plays in society. What should the nonprofit sector be doing? not doing? This 113-page paperback says a lot:

❖ The Nonprofit Almanac in Brief by Independent Sector, facts and figures (example: 7% of American workers work for nonprofits). Free at www.independentsector.org/pdfs/inbrief.pdf (You may need to cut and paste this link into your browser).

Two Best Newsletters for Nonprofit Board Members

❖ Board Cafe, a free monthly newsletter available by e-mail. Subscribe at www.boardcafe.org.

❖ Grassroots Fundraising Journal, practical, down-to-earth tips for fundraising at the community level. Sliding scale subscription ranges from $39/year to $56/year. www.grassrootsfundraising.org

Something Thought-Provoking on Nonprofit Boards

❖ “Governance is Governance,” by Kenneth N. Dayton. $3.00 + $2.50 shipping from Independent Sector (301) 490-3229. The groundbreaking speech by this former head of Dayton-Hudson distinguishes between what is management and what is governance.

❖ “Why Boards Don’t Govern,” an article first published by Indiana University and recently reprinted in the Grassroots Fundraising Journal. By Jan Masaoka and Mike Allison, the article comments that some of the conventional wisdom about boards actually works against board effectiveness. Downloadable PDF for $3 at www.grassrootsfundraising.org

❖ Boards that Make A Difference by John Carver. The book that sparked “The Carver Model” for boards, which emphasizes the delegation of authority to the chief executive. $35 at www.amazon.com.

Private Resources

The George L. Shields Foundation, Inc.
1050 17th St. N.W. Ste. 700
Washington, DC 20036
Telephone: (202) 331-1955

Contact: Robert M. Reiner, Secretary-Treasurer

Areas of Interest: Arts; children/youth services; higher education; homeless-human services; human services; museums; performing arts; youth development

Limitations: Giving on a national basis, with some emphasis on the greater metropolitan Washington, DC area.

Application Information: Applicants should submit:
1. Copy of current year’s organizational budget and/or project budget.
2. Detailed description of project and amount of funding requested.

Send a letter as a first contact with the foundation. There are no deadlines stated.

Nicole Brown Charitable Foundation
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P.O. Box 3777
Dana Point, CA 92629-8777
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Contact: L. Brown, Office Mgr.

Areas of Interest: The foundation funds public charities that shelter and protect families caught in the crisis of family violence. The main objective is to increase public awareness of the extent of family violence, the need for intervention and treatment of both victims and abusers, and the availability of those individuals and organizations who can assist in the process. Crime/violence prevention-domestic violence; family services-domestic violence; housing/shelter.

Types of Support: Program development

Limitations: Giving is only available for shelter operations. Application form required. Applicants should submit the following:
1. Listing of additional sources and amount of support.
2. Describe the population served.
4. Name, address, and phone numbers of organization.
5. Staff salaries
6. Qualifications of key personnel.
7. Copy of IRS Determination Letter
8. Copy of most recent annual report/audited financial statement/990
9. Listing of board of directors, trustees, officers and other key people and their affiliations.

Initial contact with foundation: letter, telephone, or FAX. Copies of proposal one. Board meets second Tuesday of each month. Deadline is September 30. Final notification by January 31.

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Contact: Irene S. Phelps, President

Areas of Interest: Aging centers/services; arthritis; arts; brain research; breast cancer; cancer research; child development education; child development services; diabetes; disabled; economically disadvantaged; education; environment; health care; health organizations; higher education; homeless; homeless human services; hospitals (general); human services; humanities; youth services

Types of Support: Annual campaigns; Employee matching gifts; Equipment; General/operating support; Matching/challenge support; Program development; Research; Scholarship funds.

Limitations: Giving primarily in the Midwest, with emphasis on the metropolitan Chicago area. No support for political advocacy programs. No grants to individuals or for endowment funds; no loans.

Application Information: Funding for 2005 and 2006 is fully committed. Refer to foundation’s website for future giving deadlines. After reviewing the letter of inquiry, the foundation may request a formal proposal. The foundation does not accept proposals submitted online or via Email. The foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals from outside the Chicago area.

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Housing & supportive services


Case management/multi-disciplinary treatment teams


Health care


Substance abuse


Income support


Private Resources

As application form is required-applicants should submit:

1. Describe the population served
2. Copy of IRS Determination Letter
3. Copy of most recent annual report/audited financial statement/990
4. Detailed description of project and amount of funding requested
5. Copy of current year’s organizational budget and/or project budget

Foundation prefers an initial contact of a letter of inquiry (2 pages). One copy of proposal; board meets in April and Nov. No deadline stated; final notification by Sept. 15.
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