



Board of Supervisors

Nathan A. Miley, President
Supervisor, District 4

July 19, 2012

Honorable Board of Supervisors
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street
Oakland, California 94612

Dear Board Members:

Subject: **AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE OF APPROPRIATIONS WITH OFFSETTING REVENUE FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION EFFORTS**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that your Board authorize the Auditor-Controller to increase District 4 appropriations by \$70,000 offset by revenue from the Violence Prevention trust as indicated on the attached financial resolution to support programs of the following non-profit community-based organizations:

1. Love Never Fails (Principal: Vanessa Scott; Location: Dublin) in the amount of \$60,000 to provide training, mentoring and educational programs focused on preventing the exploitation of youth for a 12 month period, July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013; and
2. Center of Hope Community Church (Principal: Bishop Ernestine Reems; Location: Oakland) in the amount of \$10,000 to continue to provide life skills training and faith-based support to juveniles housed at the Alameda County Juvenile Hall for a 12 month period from July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

In July of 2005, your Board approved the Alameda County Violence Prevention Blueprint (VPB), a broad approach to countywide violence prevention through collaboration across County agencies, cities, law enforcement agencies, schools, businesses and neighborhoods. Since that time, much progress has been made in educating Alameda County public jurisdictions about violence prevention issues and resources and in working with community-based organizations whose programs work the “front line” with at-risk adults and youth.

Love Never Fails is dedicated to the protection, rehabilitation, and education of youth involved in domestic sex-trafficking. The Violence Prevention Trust funds will support three programs:

- a) Search and Rescue: Investigators will work with local law enforcement to find missing and exploited youth and will provide the youth with emergency housing.
- b) Mentors for Positive Change: Specialized continuing education and background checks for trained mentors working with exploited youth.
- c) Education: Implement an abuse prevention curriculum designed for 6th - 9th graders. The curriculum is being evaluated by the California Department of Education as a Health Education requirement.

The Center of Hope Community Church Juvenile Hall Ministry has provided training and spiritual support through special events and life skills workshops to incarcerated youth since 1994 and serves an average of 60 youth per month. The Juvenile Hall Ministry is funded by the Center of Hope Church which has experienced a decline in support due to the economy.

Love Never Fails and the Center of Hope Community Church Juvenile Hall Ministry programs perform the objective of the Violence Prevention Initiative to prevent and reduce violence in Alameda County communities.

FINANCING:

Funds are available in the Violence Prevention Trust Account to cover \$60,000.

Very truly yours,



Nathan A. Miley
Supervisor, District 4

cc: County Administrator
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel

FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATION

AGENDA DATE: 7/24/2012

Subject of Board Letter: Increase appropriations with offsetting revenues

BY: 2013

FUND: 10000

The use of Designations, as follows:

NAME OF DESIGNATION	ORG	AMOUNT

The increase (decrease) in anticipated revenue, as follows:

Informational

ORG	ACCT	PROG	PROJ/GR	AMOUNT
100400	479990	00000		\$70,000
ORG TOTAL				\$70,000

Informational

ORG	ACCT	PROG	PROJ/GR	AMOUNT
ORG TOTAL				\$0

GRAND TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUE \$70,000

The increase (decrease) in appropriations, as follows:

Informational

ORG	ACCT	PROG	PROJ/GR	AMOUNT
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ORG TOTAL				\$70,000

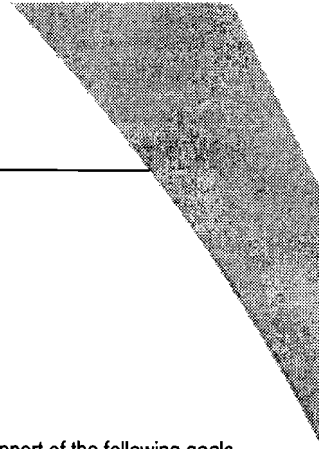
Informational

ORG	ACCT	PROG	PROJ/GR	AMOUNT
ORG TOTAL				\$0

GRAND TOTAL APPROPRIATION \$70,000



LOVE NEVER FAILS



Supervisor Nate Miley Office
County of Alameda Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, #536, Oakland, CA 94612
Attention: Seth Kaplan, Chief of Staf

7/13/12

Dear Supervisor Miley,

Thank you for providing Love Never Fails a \$60,000 contribution in support of the following goals which we plan to accomplish in Alameda County over the next 12 months:

SEARCH AND RESCUE - Conduct search and rescue operation for 25 victims of sexual exploitation at cost of \$22k. This operation will include engaging Private Investigators to find missing and exploited victims and collaborating with local law enforcement and our security team to rescue them. It also involves use of hotel vouchers to provide victims emergency housing while they undergo intake for long term housing.

MENTORS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE- We recently trained 12 women and 3 men to Mentor victims of sex trafficking. This funding will be used to process background checks for each mentor and provide mentors with monthly continuing education. Additionally in January 2013 we will train 15 more mentors. Each mentor is paired up with two sex trafficking victims and meets with them on a weekly basis. The cost to support the Mentors for Positive Change program for the next 12 months is \$13k.

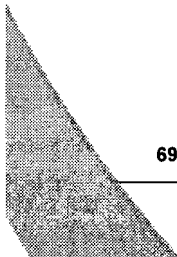
EDUCATION – Love Never Fails has developed a three phase 6-9th grade abuse prevention curriculum/program titled "Love Don't Hurt". This curriculum is currently being evaluated by the California Department of Education as a means of satisfying Health Education requirement. Your contribution will allow Love Never Fails to share Phase 1 curriculum, "the orientation", with 20 Alameda County schools and Phase 2 and 3 curriculum titled, "the Academy" and "Kick it Clinics" with 5 schools. The cost for these services is \$25k.

We thank you once again for your support and relish this opportunity to join forces with you in the battle against violence and exploitation of Alameda County residents. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Scott, Founder and Executive Director

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CENTER OF HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

"A Church For All People"

BISHOP ERNESTINE REEMS, *Founder/Senior Pastor*

REVERENDS BRONDON & MARIA REEMS, *Pastors*

July 24, 2012

Board of Supervisors, Alameda County
County of Alameda Administration Building

Background

Center of Hope Community Church is a beacon of light in the East Oakland Community. The Church is recognized as a 501c3 corporation. We serve the East Oakland public with our Workforce Investment Programs, Education Programs, and Juvenile Justice Programs. The Vision of Center of Hope Community Church is to reflect the very nature and character of Jesus Christ to our global community by touching the lives of all people and offering them hope through the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Mission of Center of Hope Community Church is to meet the holistic needs of all people by offering a Spirit-led ministry which is committed to achieving the fullness of the human potential through the power and excellence of Jesus Christ as made clear in the Word of God. The Center of Hope Mission and Vision culminate in over 18 years of success in the Center of Hope Community Church Juvenile Hall Ministry.

The Center of Hope Community Church Juvenile Hall Ministry is currently serving children at Alameda County Juvenile Hall through special events and life skills workshops. The Ministry began in 1994 and continues to provide meaningful training and spiritual support to children incarcerated in Alameda County Juvenile Hall. The cost of the Program is roughly \$81,100 annually. The Church pays the costs of the Program on an annual basis. Our funding is comprised of donations. Unfortunately, the difficult economy caused our donations to fall over the past couple of years. Our current donations fail to cover the cost of the Program. Our Program Administrative Office is located at 8411 Mac Arthur Blvd, Oakland, CA 94605, which is Alameda County District 4 under Supervisor Nate Miley.

Our Journey

- Our Annual Programs serve over 300 juveniles and staff each.
- Our Monthly Programs serve 60 juveniles.
- Our Projects serve 500 juveniles annually.
- We partner with other ministries to achieve our service goals.

Over the past 18 years the Ministry has partnered with Acts Full Gospel, Shiloh Community Church, Kingdom Builders, Memorial Tabernacle, and Abyssinian Baptist Church to achieve our service goals.

Our Impact

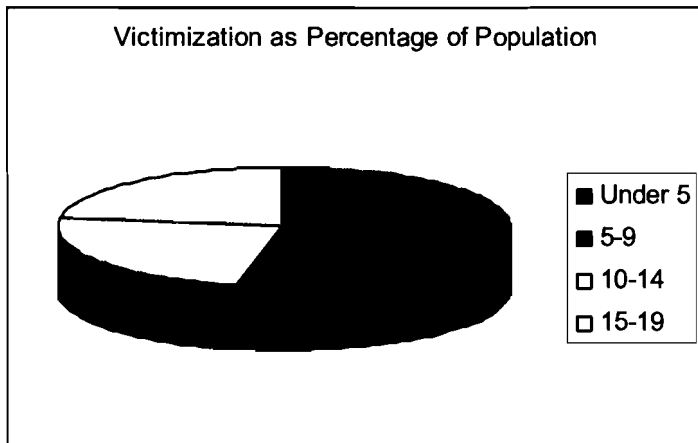
Oakland crime statistics report an overall upward trend in crime based on data from 11 years with violent crime increasing and property crime decreasing. Based on this trend, the crime rate in Oakland for 2012 is expected to be higher than in 2009.

The city violent crime rate for Oakland in 2009 was higher than the national violent crime rate average by 291.01% and the city property crime rate in Oakland was higher than the national property crime rate average by 66.06%.

In 2009 the city violent crime rate in Oakland was higher than the violent crime rate in California by 255.75% and the city property crime rate in Oakland was higher than the property crime rate in California by 84.57% (City Rating, 2012).

Oakland youth are distributed evenly across age groups for victimization related crime

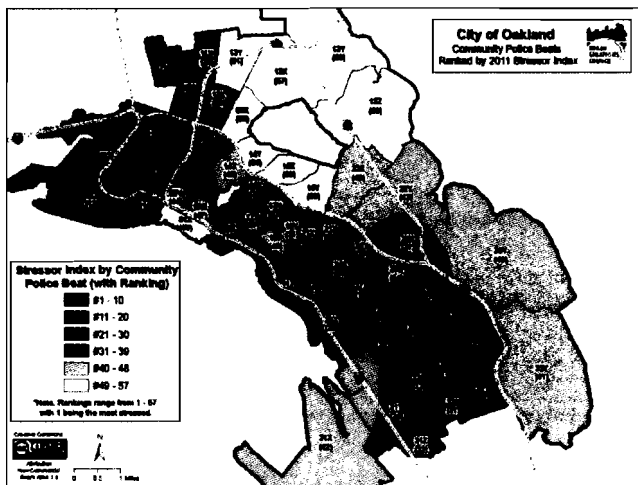
- Under 5 years old — 28,292 (26% of population under 19)
- 5-9 years old — 30,134 (27% of population under 19)
- 10-14 years old — 26,502 (24% of population under 19)
- 15 –19 year old — 24,562 (23% of population under 19)

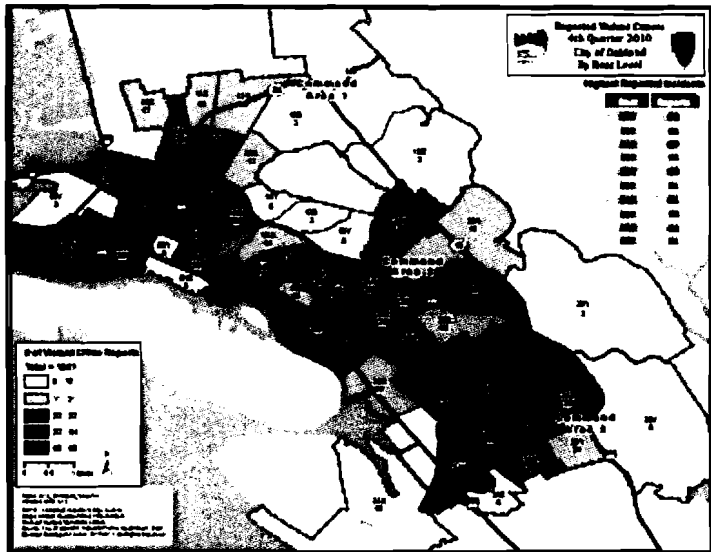


As of January 2006, Highland Hospital in Oakland treated 233 youth ages 14-30 for gunshots, stab wounds or assaults over a one year period. (Alameda County Medical Center)

According to a report by the Alameda County Public Health Department, although African Americans make up only 35% of the total population in Oakland, they represented more than 77% of the homicide victims in the years 2002-2004.

- The same reported noted that the highest rate of homicide was among 20 to 24 year olds, a rate of 79.6 per 100,000. The next highest rates were among those 15 to 19 years (47.4 per 100,000) and 25 to 34 years(44.4 per 100,000).
- According to the Alameda County Health Status Report of 2006, among African American males aged 15-34 years of age, homicide was the leading cause of death in Alameda County. Many of our past program participants have visited our church. The past participants speak to the church about their own life stories and changes after participating in the Ministry programs and projects.





The aforementioned maps indicate a trend consistent with the tradition of the socio economic condition in correlation with the highest presence of criminal activity. The policing strategy focuses on community improvement to decrease the occurrence of crime rather than employing a deterrence type model. There is an area identified as Beat 30X for law enforcement strategic planning purposes, which is located in East Oakland. Beat 30X is an area in which there is the great number of economic stressors. Those stressors are poor economic conditions, lack of labor, high unemployment, lack of quality resources for education and development, and transient population (Community Police Beats, 2012). Beat 30X is located next to Center of Hope and the Center of Hope Ministry helps to reduce the issues of crime by providing the Juvenile Hall Ministry and becoming a community partner to crime reduction.

Our Request

At Center of Hope Community Church, we want to change the negative label incarcerated children attribute to juvenile delinquency and provide positive labels incarcerated children can use while in the system and as they move out of the system through programs and projects that meet the spiritual, emotional, and supportive needs of incarcerated children. We believe this interaction will change the hearts and minds of incarcerated children, thereby reducing crime and violence in their age groups. The Center of Hope Community Church is requesting assistance from the Alameda County Board of Supervisors in the amount of \$10,000 to assist in defraying the cost of the Program this year.

The Center of Hope Community Church Juvenile Hall Ministry provides the children at Juvenile Hall an opportunity to change delinquent behavior. This change in delinquent behavior provides children the opportunity to become properly educated and motivated to become model citizens in our City and County.