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# *Gifts to Share, Inc.*

PROGRESS REPORT  
January 2006 – December 2007

# Our Purpose

Gifts to Share, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 charitable nonprofit organization supporting the City of Sacramento's park, recreation, cultural, educational, and neighborhood improvement programs and facilities and those of its partners.

## Our Services

Incorporated in 1985, Gifts to Share, Inc. is a model partnership joining a charitable nonprofit organization with the City of Sacramento, donors, and the community. We enable the City of Sacramento, schools, community organizations, and volunteers to plan and raise support for a wide variety of park improvement projects, recreation, education, human service and cultural programs, and neighborhood revitalization efforts. We do this through:

**Fiscal Sponsorship:** We provide fiscal services or fiscally "sponsor" civic events, projects and programs on behalf of non-exempt organizations, community groups, and volunteers who need to raise funds to achieve their goals. As one of several charitable, nonprofit partners to the City of Sacramento, we accept contributions from the private and nonprofit sectors as needed in support of City-sponsored projects and programs.

Sponsored activities must fit the purposes of Gifts to Share, Inc. (See "Sponsored Activities" for examples.)

**Fundraising and Project Planning:** We provide planning services to project leaders to help them develop and implement action plans to secure volunteer support and/or funding. Project leaders we have worked with include community volunteers, neighborhood-based organizations, school staff, and/or City of Sacramento staff. The Volunteer Project Guide, a handy step-by-step reference for project leaders, covers project planning, management, outreach, fundraising, and implementation. It is available free on our website or in hardcover for just \$10.00.

**Training:** We provide for training in how to raise funds and secure and maintain sponsors and volunteer support.

**Start-Up Grants:** We award seed money grants of up to \$800 to individuals and groups who have a project or program idea that fits the purposes of Gifts to Share, Inc., and need seed money to get started. (See "Start Up Grants" for examples of projects and programs that were funded.)

# *Sponsored Activities*

Gifts to Share Inc. continues our long-standing fiscal sponsor services for various community groups in partnership with the City of Sacramento. These include: Late Night Sacramento teen program; Mayor's Summer Reading Camp; recreation programs; events for children and teens with disabilities; festivals and public park concerts in Meadowview, Natomas, Oak Park, Mid-town and East Sacramento; trees, shrubs, and furnishings for City parks and golf courses; continuing restoration and public information about the Old City Cemetery, and support for Sacramento's City Archives & Collection Center.

In calendar years 2006 and 2007, the Board of Directors extended fiscal sponsor services to new activities that fit the nonprofit purposes of Gifts to Share, Inc. These include: support for the revitalization of Chinatown Mall through culture fairs and other methods; raise awareness for a proposed Yee Fow Chinese Museum in the Sacramento Downtown railyards; raise support for the development of North Natomas Regional Park, and develop the Fremont Community Garden in midtown Sacramento. The Board also supports "Passport to Summer" events in various City parks so teens and families may learn about community programs and job opportunities; rebuilding of playgrounds in Jefferson Park and Max Baer Park, and outreach for a new Hagginwood Community Association.



# Start-Up Grants

We provided seed money grants of up to \$800 to help launch a variety of civic projects and programs. A total of 23 seed money grants were awarded in 2006 and 2007 in support of the following endeavors:

## **PARKS:**

“Park Fest” in North Natomas Regional Park, tree planting at North Natomas Regional Park, Argonaut Park fitness station, Phoenix Park Community Garden

## **RECREATION / ENRICHMENT:**

Lending library at Erlewine Elementary School 4th R site, healthy lifestyles program with MotherWit Foundation, Crocker Riverside Elementary School garden, “Wheelchair Tennis” program, John Sloat School sports program, women’s empowerment program with Sisters Keeper Liaison, Inc., South Natomas Library reading program, Learning Center for Whispering Pines Apartments for very low income residents, cooking course for teens with special needs, and music instruction for youth

## **CULTURAL / HISTORICAL SITES:**

First annual Chinatown Mall Culture Fair

## **NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT:**

Meadowview Healthy Start Alliance website and outreach, College Glen Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Fair, Pocket Area Emergency Preparedness Fair, Caring Neighborhoods and Luther Burbank High School Emergency Preparedness Fair for seniors.



*On behalf* of the Board of Directors of Gifts to Share, Inc., I am pleased to present an overview of our services and finances for 2006 and 2007. Gifts to Share, Inc. reached a milestone in 2005, celebrating 20 years of service. We pledge to continue our important work by enabling community organizations and volunteers, schools, and the City of Sacramento to expand recreation, cultural and human services, offer educational and historical programs, improve parks and public spaces, and create amenities for all to enjoy.

Please contact us if you have any questions or if we can be of help to you.

Sincerely,



Karolyn W. Simon, President  
Gifts to Share, Inc.

## *Financial Overview*

Fund Balance on January 1, 2006 .....	\$ 728,087
Revenues* .....	1,080,222
Program Service Expenditures .....	763,816
Administrative/Management Expenditures .....	38,009
Fund Balance on December 31, 2006 .....	\$1,006,484
Fund Balance on January 1, 2007 .....	\$1,006,484
Revenues* .....	970,659
Program Service Expenditures .....	1,077,219
Administrative/Management Expenditures .....	10,651
Fund Balance on December 31, 2007 .....	\$ 889,273

\*This amount represents the collective effort of City staff, community organizations and volunteers who are raising funds for activities fiscally sponsored and managed by Gifts to Share, Inc. These funds are earmarked for sponsored, specific activities.

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