



**SACRAMENTO  
CHILDREN'S HOME**

*Giving children & families a better tomorrow since 1867*

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June 5, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

Since 1867, the Sacramento Children's Home has been dedicated to caring for our community's most vulnerable children and families. Through our comprehensive spectrum of residential and community based programs we are building strong families and effectively addressing the issues that so often lead to abuse and neglect. Our programs promote child safety, positive parenting, education, and mental health, and improve the healthy functioning of families. Our eight programs span six locations, serving over 7,000 children and 4,000 families each year, giving them hope a better tomorrow.

Everything we do is made possible because of our dedicated partners. We owe our continued success to the generous commitment of our donors and volunteers. Over the last few years, Team Giving has become one of our most devoted community partners. Their continued partnership and support has helped been instrumental in connecting us to volunteers who support our mission.

Team Giving has collaborated with SCH on several projects and events over the last few years and their leader Trudy Harris continues to be an example of what it means to be charitable with her time, talent and treasure. One example of our collaboration from this last year was a large-scale project at our North Crisis Nursery. The backlot of the North Nursery required a complete overhaul. Team Giving and Trudy Harris identified a comprehensive plan for the space and managed the project from start to finish. Trudy's vision included an interactive nature path, complete with informational displays, kid sized benches and plenty of fun space for the kids to play. Team Giving completed this project in partnership with SMUD and coordinated over 100 volunteers throughout the month long process.

Since the project's completion, we've taken countless children staying at the nursery outside to the newly-completed nature trail. The trail has been an effective way to calm them, make them feel at ease and provide an outdoor learning environment for their minds to explore new adventures.

In addition to the Crisis Nursery Project, Team Giving has connected us with numerous key partners, including companies, individual donors and organizations to assist us accomplishing major tasks, including during our largest campaign of the year, the Holiday Giving Program.

Through our partnership with Team Giving, we've been able to secure volunteers quickly and efficiently and to tackle large projects faster. We appreciate all that Team Giving has done for our organization and the community.

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Dear Grantmaker,

My name is Debbie Harrell and I am the volunteer coordinator at KidsFirst located in the Sacramento, CA area. We here at Kidsfirst function as a single point of entry for information and referrals to an array of family support programs and services. We provide no-cost, friendly, accessible community hubs so families have a lasting network of wellness and support. We foster support among families and strengthen parent/child interaction. We respond to crises and link families to needed services. We are decreasing the risks of child maltreatment and creating strong, vibrant communities.

Team Giving is a true champion in supporting KidsFirst's mission in empowering and advocating for families all across Placer County. They play a pivotal role in helping connect dependable and genuine volunteers to the various volunteer opportunities and events our agency has. The Team Giving team not only invests in their community partners, but they work diligently with working with their volunteers ensuring that they can connect them to the agencies that fit well within their interests.

Team Giving always creates a warm, favorable climate and has always had their hand on the pulse of the various volunteer needs we have. They have not only helped us increase our volunteer hours in the last two fiscal years alone, but we have been able to provide quality childcare for our parents attending our various parenting classes due to the wonderful Team Giving volunteers. Last but not least, Team Giving is the definition of "walking the walk" when it comes to public service and impacting the community. Not only have they sent us amazing volunteers, but Team Giving staff can also be seen volunteering at various KidsFirst events throughout the year, making a direct, positive impact on the families we serve.

Sincerely,

Debbie Harrell

KidsFirst Volunteer Coordinator



*Restoring Hope.  
Transforming Lives.*

May 21<sup>st</sup> 2019

To Whom it May Concern:

We have been incredibly happy recipients of Team Giving's community services since 2016 during their year of founding. If you are unfamiliar, Mercy Multiplied is a non-profit organization that exists to transform the lives and restore the hope of young women between the ages of 13-32. We provide free of charge residential care, Christian counseling and life skills training for girls who face life-controlling issues such as: eating disorders, self-harm, addictions, depression, unplanned pregnancy and physical and sexual abuse, including victims of sex trafficking. Due to our sensitive nature we do not have many of the common volunteer roles in our organization that a lot of nonprofits have to offer. Even knowing this Team Giving has come alongside us and helped fulfill some really unique roles we have had in the past.

Throughout our four years of working together the staff have streamlined every process of their time and efficiently found a way to fulfill the needs we had. They have always been incredibly helpful and professional. Over the years we have worked with approximately 60 of their volunteers on 10 events ranging from luncheons, 5Ks, and private parties. My favorite part of Team Giving is the friendly staff and how easy they make this process for us. They take the thinking and searching out of finding and training volunteers and they have always been great worker-bees!

With more time to focus on the mission here at Mercy we have been able to really maximize our time spent fundraising and growing our awareness for our free-of-charge services. Team Giving has been an incredible partner in giving us back powerful time spent in the mission, rather than being caught up in random tasks. Team Giving is the kind of organization that helps us all win. I love working for a Non Profit, but we are only hitting one audience, young women ages 13-32. Team Giving is literally effecting not only every type of non-profit: Environmental, Humanitarian, Animal-based, etc., they are also having a positive influence on those who now have a streamline process to give back! They can easily be connected to a mission they care about without the fear of the unknown and the "how". Team Giving also does this for companies looking to serve hours together. We have hosted several companies like AAA Insurance for their community service projects.

We appreciate Team Giving and all their efforts to help build a better community for us all. We are thankful to be a partner. Please reach out for any further comment or questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kerri Naber".

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April 26, 2019

Dear Grant Administrator,

By way of introduction, I am the founder and director of Hearts Landing Ranch, a nonprofit that serves families and their loved ones navigating emotional trauma with Equine Assisted Learning. Many of our participants have suffered physical violence, exploitation and emotional abuse.

We also have a Seed to Stomach Gardening Program and finally we are building a community around foster, adoptive and local families with various community events such as movie and bonfire nights, pumpkin patch and Christmas sing along and tree give away.

For approximately two years, Team Giving has come along side Hearts Landing Ranch with a stream of volunteers to help us serve at risk youth.

Team Giving is proactive in their mission to help nonprofits by continuing to inquire about upcoming needs and events we have, so they can help us in our mission.

Also, Team Giving is thoughtful in the goals and needs of both the nonprofit and organizations who want to serve by ensuring there is a good “fit.”

A small example of the variety and quality of volunteers and the work they did:

- International Students all over Northern California helped build the “lasagna” garden.
- Kaiser Administrators rebuilt bird houses and prepped the herb beds and washed horses.
- Old Navy on multiple trips has painted the garden shed and painted the clinic bleachers.
- Court Ordered volunteers who were committed to hard outside work, prepped for the fall events.
- California Conservation Core was instrumental in setting up for the Pumpkin Patch event, unloading hundreds of pumpkins and moving tons of hay... then

they stayed throughout the event to paint the kids' faces, have fun and clean up.

- Blast Analytics & Marketing brought 32 people for “spring cleaning,” the seed to stomach garden and laid down 50 yards of wood chips.

Team Giving has provided Hearts Landing enormously valuable resources we could not have done ourselves, given our heavy schedule of mentoring youth and their families, community events and rescuing horses.

Because of Team Giving's support, just this last fall, we were able to accomplish 4 major events and serve 1,000 more people in the foster, adoptive and surrounding communities!

Team Giving has been a wonderful partner and invaluable resource!

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Founder & Director

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providing a hand up, not a handout

June 4, 2019

Dear Grantmaker,

First and foremost, thank you to Team Giving for being an unbelievable resource of volunteer procurement for The Gathering Inn!

We are the only emergency housing solution for families in Placer County and the work they do to assist us in serving our guests is immeasurable. The work they did to our campus in repairing and beautifying the grounds is tangible proof that the vulnerable population of unsheltered individuals and families we serve are not invisible to the community and deserve dignity and respect. The impact of having a place safe, like our shelter, when our residents are in crisis is wonderful, but having it be a campus of collaboration with their agency where our guests get to see that they aren't a forgotten or dismissed population, is truly a gift for all. The curb painting that Team Giving volunteers completed for our courtyard and the grounds, let our guests see that they strive for their safety. They see the proof that they can reach to be a part of the community that helps them while they stay at The Gathering Inn. The canopies that their volunteers installed in the interior courtyard are used every day to provide shade in the heat while they check into the shelter at night and keep the rain off their backs during the winter. These kindnesses reaffirm the lessons we teach our guests during our Life Skills classes and our Access to Recovery program about the simple fact that they aren't isolated from the community they live amongst. At a strategic level, the support and services that Team Giving and its volunteers have provided help us utilize our fiscal base to put more funding behind our guests and place them in sustainable long-term housing.

**Nathan Cox**  
**Director**  
**South Placer Emergency Housing/Supportive Services Program**  
**The Gathering Inn**

**Mission Statement:** *The Gathering Inn provides homeless women, men, and families the dignity and support they need to become active members of our community*

**Vision Statement:** *To end homelessness in our community*

**Values:** **Accountable**...to each other  
**Respectful**...to all involved  
**Collaborative**...with the community  
**Safety**...for our homeless guests  
**Diversity**...we engage everyone