



Grant Performance Form

Due by the last day of June of the Granting Year



Date June 30, 2015

Legal Name of Agency/Organization Juniata United Methodist Church Mustard Seed Program

Executive Director's Name Pastor Byron Shafer-Stroud, Interim Pastor until June 30, 2015

Name of Individual completing Form and Title Sherrie Buchanan, Coordinator Mustard Seed

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Title of Project/ Event JUMC Mustard Seed Food Bank

Describe the Project/ Event and include any media releases/ photos (if available).

Food Bank - Ongoing service of providing groceries to families finding themselves in sudden or immediate need. Many families have been served through the generous grant .

What was the impact of the Health and Welfare Council grant on your program?

Up to this point we have served 120 adults and 157 children and quite a few infants with formula, diapers and diaper wipes. Most of our support comes from individual donations of either food or money from local church members. The grant money was used to purchase grocery store gift cards. We do this so that when we do get a call for an immediate need, we go that day and buy the perishables. We very rarely give a gift card to the recipient.

The perishables vary depending on the needs of each family. Often it includes, milk, bread, cheese, ground beef, yogurt (if children are involved) chicken, eggs , butter and hotdogs.

If we have enough cash on hand, we also include fresh fruit usually bananas and or oranges. We always try to provide for three meals a day for at least three days. Families may receive assistance one time per year, unless there are extraordinary circumstances. These situations will be determined on a case by case basis.

What were your collaborative efforts on the project/event?

We provide families with information on the resources of the community, especially resources regarding assistance with their nutritional needs.

We are in contact with the Domestic Abuse Project and are willing to provide immediate food needs to those individuals setting up and establishing a new home setting upon leaving the DAP shelter.

List any additional funds received / needed to complete the project. (Include In-kind)

JUMC Mustard Seed is an ongoing program of service to the community for emergency food needs. Funds and donations are accepted for this ministry from the church members and the community –

at –large. The coordinator receives the contact information, secures the food for the family, and meets with the family to distribute the food. Names of recipients are kept confidential.

How did you promote/ acknowledge the grant donation from the Health and Welfare Council?

Written announcements and verbal word of mouth appreciation has been expressed to and on behalf of the Blair County Health and Welfare's generous grant.

Please share one or more anecdotes and/ or comments about your project.

Mustard Seed has been very careful to screen applicants. We are very small so we try to help each family only one time per year. A number of our referrals come from government agencies, schools and other churches. I personally have seen women cry when we provide them food for their hungry children. Praise God for Blair County Health and Welfare.

Attach a description of your Expense Report for the Project and the expenses utilizing this Grant.

The \$500 grant was used to secure grocery cards in order to have the funds on hand to purchase the perishable foods needed to assist the recipients at the time of a request/ need. JUMC church has an agreement with three local grocery stores, as part of a fundraising opportunity, to be able to sale grocery cards through the church. The cards were secured through this effort.