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RESOLUTION NO.2021- 01

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF FULTON COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN FURTHERANCE OF THE CARES ACT AND IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act ("CARES") Act was passed by Congress and signed by the President on March 27, 2020, to provide fast relief and response to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency.

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WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency certain organizations, namely the Salem, Viola and Mammoth Spring Senior Centers, the Salem Backpack Program, the Viola Food/Backpack Program, the Mammoth Spring Shining Light Food Pantry, the Agape Food Room Program, and the Salem Assembly of God Food Program have served a vital role in their respective communities, have responded to increased demands for their services, and have been restricted in their funding capabilities.

WHEREAS, the aforementioned entities have made written application for a contract for services and assistance relief from the COVID-19 pandemic for their assistance, support, rent, utilities and other costs for the period from March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020, a copy of the application of each entity is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A";

WHEREAS, a contract for services has been entered into by and between Fulton County and the aforementioned entities for the sum of \$2,000.00 each for assistance, support, rent, utilities, and other costs for the period from March 1, 2020 to December 30, 2020, a copy of the contract for services is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, the viability and enforceability of the contract for services is dependent upon appropriation of the sum requested of \$16,000.00.

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court is committed to appropriate the sum requested of \$16,000.00 or a lesser sum regardless of whether or not the grant is awarded and funds provided under the CARES Act; and

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court supports this request for Cares Act funds;

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Feb 2, 2021

county request for donation

The Fulton County Senior Centers (Salem, Mammoth Spring, Viola) would like to request a donation of \$6,000.00 to be divided evenly to help assist in the expenses of the HDM (Home Delivered Meal) program. As of March 17, 2020, the centers have been closed to all public activity due to the Corona Virus pandemic. We have not been able to hold any fund raisers , which is a large part in helping to continue our every day operating expenses. However, we have continued to provide the services of HDM to the homebound seniors of Fulton County by delivering well balanced, nutritonal meals to those that qualify. With the continuing rise in cost and lack of availabilaty of ~~some~~ some food items this has not been an easy task. This money would be used to help in the purchasing of food supplies and ~~the~~ the fuel required to deliver the meals all across the county on a weekly basis. We appreciate any help and assistance in this need.

Fulton County Sr. Center Directors
Salem- Jody Sparks
Viola- Denice Gerard
Mammoth Spring- LaDonna McGhee

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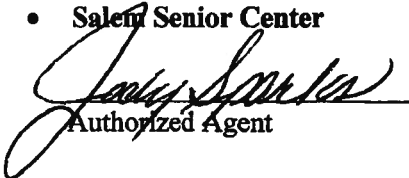
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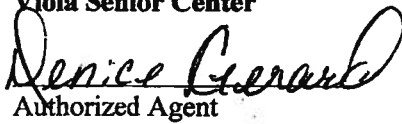


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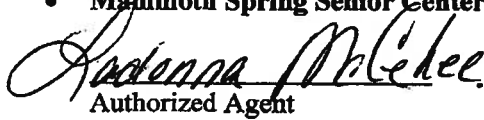
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- **Agape Food Room Program**

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- **Salem Assembly of God Food Program**

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Salem UMC Feed Our Children

Post Office Box 55, Salem, AR 72576
870-895-2169, 501-912-0608, barbmoody@aol.com

Dear Friends,

We are well into our 8th year of providing "weekend food" for students at Salem Elementary School. This program began in the fall of 2013 with 50 students in K-3. The next year we added 4th, the next year we added 5th and 6th. Since that time, we have provided from 85 to 125 students with 8 "kid friendly" food items each weekend.

We began with a grant from Rep. Scott Baltz and learned that \$5000 didn't go far enough, so we started having fundraiser lunches to provide financing for the rest of the year. In the following years, we continued with these lunches and reached out for other donations through letters and word of mouth. We have also received grants from Twin Lakes Community Foundation and the Arkansas United Methodist Foundation. Our community had been generous, and we are thankful.

The items we provide have cost between \$3.50 and \$4.00 a pack. Salem Town and Country helps us with generous discounts...and delivers to our door. We had based our annual need on 100 kids a year but this year we are fluctuating around 70. I like to say that every penny goes into food for kids' tummies, but we also buy the plastic bags to pack for their backpacks. We have No administrative/overhead costs as the church provides storage for us and the Backpack Team is totally volunteer.

We have members from Salem UMC, Church of Christ, and Assembly of God. We are blessed with this ecumenical group of people who care about hungry children and give freely of their time. We usually have 10-12 people who meet about every 5 weeks to load in our cases of food items and pack the individual bags. Also, some of these same people deliver the packs to the school each Friday. About 3 years ago, as our delivery people were getting older, we reached out to the Bank of Salem and they graciously provided us with 3-4 young men to help us load our cars on Fridays. They continue that to this day. (That saved our program.) We are very thankful for their help.

This is a community project of love and caring and we all are blessed to take part.

If you have any questions or wish to make a donation, please call me at 501.912.0608, or contact one of our team members.

Sincerely,
Barbara Moody and the Backpack Team

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VIOLA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOME OF THE LONGHORNS

P.O. BOX 380
VIOLA, ARKANSAS 72583
870-458-2323
FAX 870-458-2214

February 23, 2021

Judge Gary Clayton
P O Box 278
Salem AR 72576

Judge Clayton,

I am writing to let you know about the Viola Public School Backpack and Food Pantry programs.

The Backpack program began as a FCCLA project. It was started in 2016 as a small project and has more than tripled in size since then. We are currently sending home 40 backpacks per week. The bags are packed with easy made items and snacks. They go home with the students each Friday. Students are identified by school staff or parents for this program and that is the only criteria.

The Food Pantry is a newer program that was started this year with the help of a grant. The food for this program comes from the North Central Arkansas Food Pantry. This program sends meal items home including perishable items. It is a food supplement program. To be eligible for this the student needs to be signed up for free or reduced lunches. We try to send out 1-2 boxes per month. We currently have 39 families enrolled in this program.

COVID has greatly impacted both of these programs. Families are in need more than ever. The Backpack program grew by 20 plus kids this school year alone. Any monetary assistance or food drive assistance would greatly be appreciated.

Please let me know if you have any questions about our programs.

Sincerely,

Kandie Walker

Kandie Walker
FACS Teacher and FCCLA Sponsor
Viola High School

Administration

John May
Superintendent
870-458-4001

Charolette Bridges
District Treasurer
870-458-4002

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Andy Burden
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870-458-4006

James Kerr
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870-458-2213

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Agape Food Room
C/O Salem Church of Christ
P.O. Box 275
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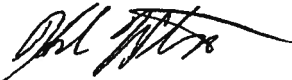
Judge Clayton,

I was asked to prepare a brief report on the impact the Covid-19 virus and efforts to contain it have had on the Agape Food Room as part of a grant proposal you are preparing.

I have attached the requested report describing the twin dilemma faced by Agape as need for our service increased 20% during 2020 at a time when contributions are decreasing as 2020 was more than \$4,000 behind what was received in 2019.

If you have any questions or need anything more, please feel free to contact me at (870) 371-1750 or HughWhitledge@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



Hugh Whitledge
Director, Agape Food Room

Exhibit A

Agape Food Room Impact of Covid-19

Brief History

The Agape Food Room (Agape) was established in 1997 by a handful of volunteers working from a building located near the old Salem Elementary School. Agape began as a member agency of the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas (FBNCA) distributing food provided by the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) under The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) which seeks to supplement the diets of low-income residents of Fulton County, including the elderly and disabled, with food and nutritional assistance delivered once a month.

As knowledge of Agape spread throughout the community and the number of households being served increased, additional individuals, churches and local organizations joined in to expand the program through their contributions of time, money or food. Agape also became a member of the Feeding America network and began receiving excess food from Wal-Mart in Ash Flat. Agape uses donor funds to purchase food through the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas, as well as through Salvage, Wholesale and/or Retail channels to supplement what is provided by USDA and Feeding America.

In time, Agape outgrew its old facility and moved to its present location behind the Salem Church of Christ. Agape continued to serve the growing needs of Fulton County residents and by the close of 2019, was serving approximately 180 households each month.

Impact of Covid-19

Following the lock-downs in early 2020 intended to slow the spread of Covid-19, the number of people needing supplemental food rose steadily throughout the year. Sign-ups of new households who had not previously needed assistance continued at the pace of nearly one per week until Agape was serving more than 215 households per month by year's end (a 20% increase).

TEFAP allocates monthly food deliveries based on the number of households served in the prior month. With the number of households increasing each month, Agape must constantly acquire additional food to ensure the last household served each month receives food equivalent to what was received by the first household of the month.

The disruption caused by Covid-19 to contributors has resulted in a decrease in monetary donations of more than \$4,000 compared to 2019.

Challenges

Food Banks across Arkansas are in the process of migrating to a uniform computerized management system. Once the Food Banks install this system, member agencies like Agape will be expected to install it as well. Funding the purchase of the hardware and software and training the volunteer staff in its use is up to each agency and is a major challenge for Agape.

Agape faces the on-going challenge of making sure each household receives an adequate, consistent supply of food each month. With appropriate community support, Agape will continue to strive to ensure this challenge is successfully met.

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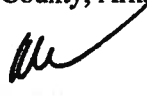
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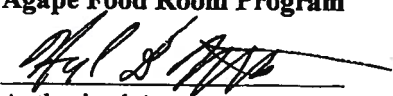
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First Assembly of God

P.O. Box 188
Salem, AR 72576

Home Phone: 895-3295
Office Phone: 895-3414

To: Fulton County:

We are Salem First Assembly of God and we have been apart of the Salem community for over 75 years helping families in any capacity we can. We started in 2019 as a member of the Food Bank of north Arkansas to help more families in need throughout our county. Last year alone we helped more than 3000 families and gave out through food drives over 150,000 pounds of food and commodities. We have been blessed with people within our community we have team up with to pick up and also make deliveries to many homes in the area.

As we start out the year 2021 our goal is to be able to help more families in need as the Lord enables us. We have been blessed with a team of people we have in place to help families in need within our area.

With the funds we are given by Fulton County we plan to enhance our facilities, purchase more goods to restock our food pantry, and to help families in other areas as well.

Thank you so much for partnering with us this year as we better the lives of the families within our county and area.

Sincerely,

Salem First Assembly
Pastor Josh Pardue

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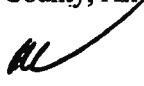
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Exhibit B

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Gary G. Clayton, Fulton County Judge Date: _____

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Authorized Agent

- **Viola Senior Center**

Authorized Agent

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Authorized Agent

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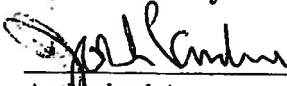
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- **Agape Food Room Program**

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Shining Light Food Pantry is a local Food Pantry located in Mammoth Spring Arkansas. We currently serve an average of 85-95 families per month. Do to the rise of our numbers since covid 19 we have increased from 65 families to 95 families per month. As our numbers have grow the need for more food has increased. We are reaching out to the community for help to ensure the ability to provide for the families in need. Anything would be greatly apricated. For more information or to help out please contact Jennifer Smith at 417-295-2683.

**CONTRACT FOR SERVICES
(COVID-19 RELIEF)**

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Certification: The undersigned hereby certifies that:

- (a). Written application to the county asserts and demonstrates that the sum requested of \$2,000.00 for each entity is for and represents the costs incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, for: rent, insurance and other identified cost for the assistance and support of each entity. A copy of the application is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A".
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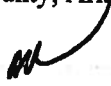
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