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StreetLightUSA-VISTA

Program Year (9/6/15-9/3/16)

Glendale, Arizona

Federal Legislative District(s) AZ-7

PROGRAM FAST FACTS

Congressional District(s): Statewide
State Legislative District(s): Statewide
Service Area by County/City: Statewide
Project Federal Share: \$145,605.00
Project Local Match: \$56,752.00
Community Volunteers Recruited: 2
Volunteer Hours Served: 960
Value of Volunteer Hours: \$21,475.20
*2014 Independent Sector Rate for the Value of a Volunteer Hour in Arizona is \$22.37

Community Need

Phoenix, AZ is listed as the number one location for child sex trafficking incidences, with children from all sectors at risk for sexual victimization. Many victims are misidentified as delinquents and either placed in jail or foster care, neither of which are able to deal with the intense trauma needs of the youth. StreetLightUSA fills the gap with specialized care for girls 11-17 who are high-risk for or have been trafficked. The care needs are intense, and without proper care, the victims are likely to die young or remain in poverty with great social services needs for a lifetime.

National Priority Area and Program Performance Goals

Through all the VISTA activities at StreetLightUSA, resources and funds obtained enhance service provision so clients are able to have safe accommodations, reduce trauma symptoms complete high school, move on to college/trade school/jobs to stop the cycles of poverty and victimization.

National Priority Area: Education

*Recruit 50 Mentors and 50 Tutors to

Program Activities

Our four VISTAs build capacity of StreetLightUSA to enhance client services which provide stability, resources and personal development for child sex trafficking victims. As a result, the cycle of abuse and victimization can be stopped, and the youth are equipped to become positive, contributing members of society. Activities include:

- Mentor / Tutor recruitment for clients
- Transitions Program and Resources Developer life skills, employment and educational enrichment opportunities for our residents
- Corporate Awareness and Engagement on the issue of child sex trafficking (corporate presentations to garner ownership of resource provision for various components of the program
- Virtual fund-raising (developing passive and active revenue streams from social media and online fundraising platforms)

Program Impact

We have actively incorporated two VISTAs this September 2015 term. We have placed two VISTAs since our first term: April 2015. StreetLight USA looks forward to recruiting for the two remaining open VADS.

assist 60 youth

National Priority Area: Economic Opportunity

*Develop partnerships with 10 employers to provide jobs and career preparation opportunities for clients

National Priority Area: Capacity Building

*Generate \$25,000 in cash resources and \$25,000 in cash/in-kind resources to move programs to greater sustainability

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Mission

To transition adolescent girls from trauma to triumph.

StreetLightUSA serves girls age 11-17 who have experienced sexual trauma. Our programs consist of a three-tier strategy of Awareness, Prevention, and Direct Care. We are helping girls find a new way forward so they can become independent, confident, and successful young women.

Vision

Through research, strategic partnerships, and innovative models of care, StreetLightUSA strives to be the nationally recognized leader in restoring the lives of adolescent girls, who are victims of sexual trauma.

History

StreetLightUSA came into being through a collaboration of community and faith leaders who purposed to bring an end to child sex trafficking. Since 2011, over 400 victims have been served, and many have transitioned to permanent housing, jobs and college.

We continue to expand services and reach to provide greater support and economic stability for the clients. The VISTA program brings in people/cash/in-kind resources to allow us to continue program enhancement with the needed resources to serve clients well in more

Partnerships

- Arizona State University Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research
- Maricopa County Attorney General's Office
- Heal International
- Arizona State Department of Health Services
- Grand Canyon University School of Nursing
- The Rag Collection
- Phoenix Children's Hospital
- Member of Governor's Arizona Human Trafficking Council
- Mayo Clinic
- Maricopa Mercy Regional Behavioral Health Agency

OTHER

Through development and expansion of two key programs and plans for facility enlargement, StreetLightUSA is poised to make a monumental impact in the child sex trafficking culture and the lives of victims.

Our Mentoring program, highlighted at the 2015 National Mentoring Summit, is an evidence-based approach to establishing/restoring client self-efficacy through purposeful relationships. One VISTA member helps grow the number and quality of Mentors to meet the needs of our clientele as well as being a source of Mentors for youth in jails and other group homes.

Part of our mission includes Awareness and Prevention efforts through engagement with the larger community. Our Direct Care program is running well and expanding, so we are strengthening the Awareness and Prevention aspects by

comprehensive ways.

Through funding and facility capacity growth, we anticipate serving 1000 clients annually within the next three to five years.

expanding outreach and number of classes available to the public.

Seeing the vast number of trafficking victims in our country and the tremendous need for holistic and comprehensive services, StreetLightUSA is committed to expanding our facilities to include specialized services for education/training of clients and community members, transitional housing, therapeutic care and workforce skill development. Ultimately, over 1000 youth are to be housed annually once construction is completed, with several hundred more being served through other program components.

VISTA members dedicated to resource and revenue development play a crucial role in realizing the pieces of this plan. We are so appreciative of engagement with CNCS so we can be part of a world without sexual violence and child trafficking.