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Formstack Submission For: **2021-22 Holidays All Year Long/Community Service**

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grant funds):**

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Event Name:

Holidays in July/ Holiday Helpers

**Estimated
Event Cost:**

2100

**Estimated
Young
Lawyer
Attendance :**

10

**Dollar
amount**

requesting
from the
Young
Lawyers
Division of
The Florida
Bar:

500

**Event
Description:**

For over 23 years, the Tallahassee Bar Association Young Lawyers Section (the “YLS”) has been hosting the local area foster and adoptive children every July for an annual Holidays in July event (the “Event”). As a part of the Event, the YLS hosts the children for a morning of roller skating, food and fun at which Santa Claus arrives with a toy for every child. The Event is funded through in-kind donations of food, through monetary donations from local attorneys and by the YLS.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the 2020 and 2021 Events were temporarily rebranded. The 2020 and 2021 Events were rebranded as a “Holiday Helpers” Event. Beginning in 2020, in lieu of an in-person event, to protect the health and safety of the participants, the YLS gathered toys for foster and adoptive children and delivered them in person to the children’s homes in a manner consistent with socially distanced principles. This temporary rebranding allowed the YLS to reach just as many foster and adoptive children as the Event and provided gifts for children throughout Leon, Gadsden, Jefferson and Wakulla Counties by partnering with the NWF Health Network (formerly Big Bend Community Based Care) (the “Organization”). Given the continued uncertainties surrounding the pandemic, the same model is intended to be used for the 2021 Event. Unless conditions improve, it is anticipated that the same model will be used for the 2022 Event.

The goal of the temporarily rebranded Event remains the same as any other year – to provide a fun and memorable holiday experience for the foster children. The YLS members and other members of the local legal community, including judges, attorneys and court clerks, are instrumental in this process by facilitating the Event from year to year. In 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2019 the Event hosted approximately 50, 74, 61, 90, 56, 43, 39, 49, 56 and 50 children, respectively.

Data from the 2021 Event is not available yet, but in 2020, the rebranded Event reached 52 children in 18 different families! The outpouring of parents' gratitude in response to the rebranded event during this especially difficult time of remote learning and social isolation for the children reminded us that we can always find ways to serve and bring joy to those most in need by staying flexible and adaptive.

Will alcohol be served at the event?:

No

Will any monies received from the YLD be used to purchase alcohol, travel expenses, or attorney house?:

No

How will the YLD funds be utilized?:

Funds will be largely used to purchase the gifts for foster and adoptive children of various ages, ranging from infancy/toddlers to teenagers.

How does your event fit into the parameters of the Grant?:

The Event's objective directly correlates to the way the Grant is designed to make an impact in our community through a service project that involves YLS members bringing the holidays to children through donating gifts "from Santa" in a month other than December. With this Grant and a successful track record of the rebranded Event, YLS will be able to serve the foster and adoptive children of local surrounding counties during the continued pandemic.

Will your event benefit any other groups?:

Yes; it will benefit the foster and adoptive children served by the NWF Health Network.

In which Judicial Circuit will your event

2nd Circuit

occur?:

In which County will your event occur?:

This event will reach children in foster and adoptive families of Leon, Gadsden, Jefferson and Wakulla Counties.

Will your event be held via Zoom (or other online web platform), in-person, or a combination of the two?:

In-person

Proposed date of event (must be within one year from application deadline):

2022

Describe how you will recognize The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division for its support of your event.:

To clarify above question, the Event is scheduled to be held in July or August of 2022, within one year from application as required.

If awarded, the YLS will feature YLD's generosity on all promotional materials. Photos of the promotional materials and the event will be posted on the YLS social media pages and the YLS will tag Florida YLD in these posts.

Please attach an event budget.:

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