

August 6, 2021

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed an application on behalf of The Stewpot, which respectfully requests a grant from your foundation to support our general operations. For the past 46 years, The Stewpot has provided resources for Dallas' most vulnerable citizens—the homeless and at-risk individuals and families. We hope the foundation will partner with us to provide them with basic survival needs and create opportunities to start a new life.

The Stewpot is a community ministry of the First Presbyterian Church of Dallas. Founded in 1975, the organization provides a wide range of social services to those in need, typically serving 12,000 low- and extremely low-income clients each year. In response to the pandemic, The Stewpot expanded most of its existing programs and added a new program—a Rapid Rehousing Program (RRH) that focuses on helping households ease into independence.

The RRH program provides housing, move-in, jobs assistance, and other vital resources to immediately help households and support them as they take on more responsibility. The Stewpot also arranges emergency rent and utilities assistance, provides resources for job placement, and administers other service referrals.

For the unhoused, The Stewpot provides assistance with procuring IDs, mail service access, basic needs items, and more. We also offer critical support such as health care, dental care, and mental health assistance.

In addition to housing programs, The Stewpot provides services for nutritional support, education, and enrichment. Our Meal Services, Food Recovery, and Food Distributions programs address food insecurity. Last year we expanded all three programs in response to the increasing needs during the pandemic.

We have a successful Children and Youth Program, which offers weekly activities year-round for low- and extremely low-income children and youth, as well as scholarships for those going on to college/vocational school.

Our Enrichment Programs provide counseling, an art program, a Garden Club, and more to help individuals gain self-confidence, develop skills, and learn to communicate in healthy, healing ways.

The Stewpot strives to meet people where they are, offering support, empathy, and solidarity. Your grant will help us assist those who never imagined their incomes would drop so much that they might be facing housing or food insecurity.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request.

Sincerely,