

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

# LIFE Newsletter

THE CHI STATE LEARNING IS FOR EVERYONE FOUNDATION

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## BE A PART OF LIFE!

The Chi State Learning Is For Everyone (LIFE) Foundation was the brainchild of the Mary Marchi and Jackie Gustafson era of the 1990's. The non-profit status was given in 1999 by the State of California. The first grants were awarded in 2000.

The mission of the LIFE Foundation is to promote and support special projects related to learning and literacy within the State of California. Grants are available to members and non-members alike. This year LIFE awarded over \$12,000 in grants to 24 teachers.

Grand applications, found by selecting the LIFE link on the DKG California homepage, are due by March 1 of each year. Money is dispersed by April 30.

Funds are raised in several ways. One is at a raffle held at convention each year. Also, throughout the year, tax deductible donations may be made by DKG California chapters and areas and to honor or memorialize friends and family. In addition, in 2020 a raffle tickets were sold for a one-week Lake Tahoe vacation. The winner can be found on page 8 of this newsletter.



### ***The Chi State Life Foundation Mission Statement***

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### **LIFE Board of Directors 2019-2020**

**Donna Fleischer**  
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**Robin Kelly**  
Treasurer

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Secretary

**Anita McKean**  
Nominations

**Kelora Franklin**  
Raffle Chair

**Elise Buel**  
Webmaster

**Jeannine Mendoza**  
Member

## Grant Reports received for 2019-2020

### Oakmont Visual Aids Workshop

The LIFE Foundation gave a grant to Eta Upsilon's, **Oakmont Visual Aids Workshop** for three years. The members and other senior volunteers created Braille visual aid concept materials to assist students to achieve reading skills through the use of 38 different tactile aids. The impact of being able to read by touch or sight have encouraged blind, visually impaired or mentally challenged students to focus and learn more. The varied tactile aids are fun to repeat and review. The use of these Braille materials reinforces and promotes independence and self-confidence to enable over 200 students to further discover the pleasures of literacy. Educators throughout California have ordered over 650 handmade books and aids: [www.teachersaidsforblindchildren.org](http://www.teachersaidsforblindchildren.org). There is no cost to California educators for these materials. The completed order form can be mailed to: Oakmont Visual Aids Workshop, 6637 Oakmont Drive, Suite A Santa Rosa, CA 95409-



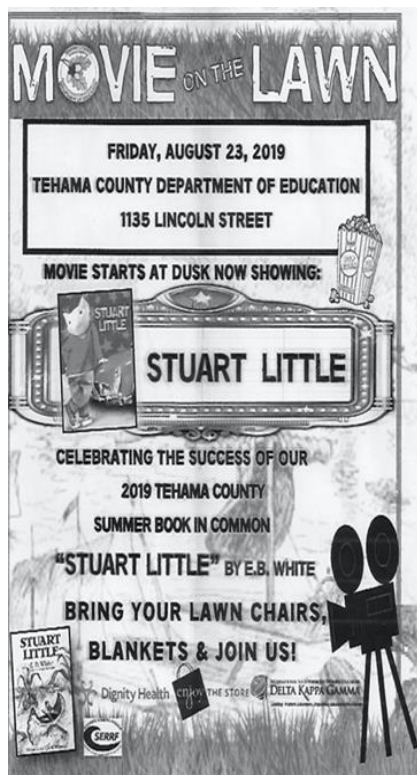
### Babies and Books

The members of Gamma Alpha and partners (DKG California LIFE Foundation and Morgan Hill Community) support literacy in our community. We believe that literacy begins at birth. The sound of your voice and your language is fascinating to your baby so begin reading to your baby as soon as possible. Help your baby learn to listen. Newborns respond to any type of rhythmic sound such as lullabies, poems, and songs. Some books we have been able to distribute to families with the our LIFE Grant include but aren't limited to: *Good Night Moon* by MW Brown; *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by E Carle; *Kitten's First Full Moon* by K Kenkes; *Pat the Bunny* by D Junhardt; and *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* by B Martin, Jr.



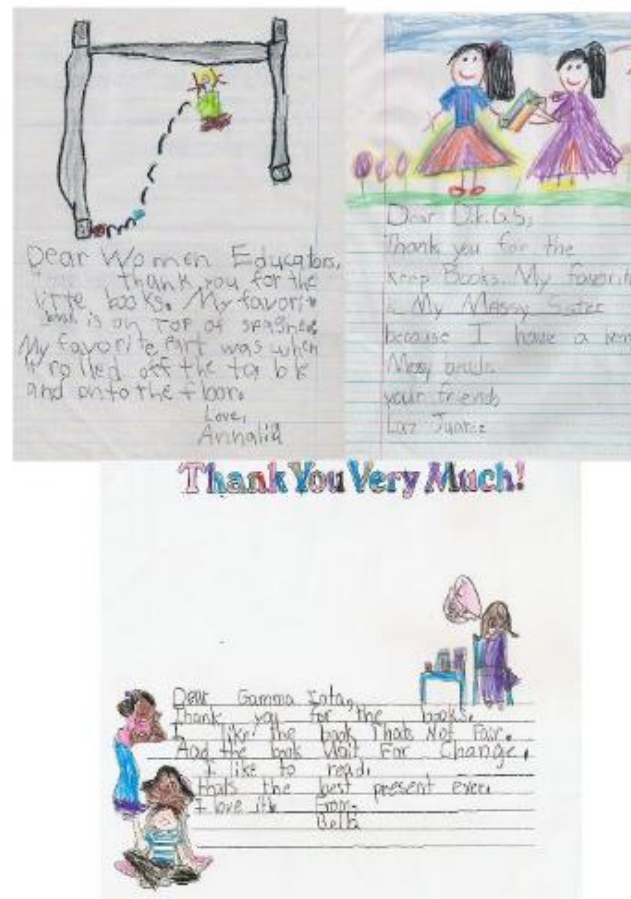
## Movie On The Lawn

A grant project for 2019, **Movie On The Lawn**, was created by the Beta Lambda Chapter and the Tehama County Reading Council. It starts off with a movie that is shown for the community and books are handed out to the children. The intent was for students to continue reading over the summer break. Books were given to children at the Children's Fair, at various mini libraries set up around the community, farmer's market, book mobile sites and through the SERF program throughout the school year and summer program. The project started out with 1,800 books and about 800-900 students have benefited from this. The Chapter members benefited from the joy on children's faces seen while manning the table at the farmer's market and children's fair.



## A Grant Given in Toni Cook's Mother's Name

A LIFE grant was given to the College Of Adaptive Arts where Larue Foster, Toni Cook's mother, created Foster Makerplace. This space resides in the Library and Media Resource Center under the School of Library Arts and provides opportunities for hands-on learning, acquiring new skills and promoting science literacy. Foster Makerplace is stocked Legos and Lego robotics and mechanical kits as well as crafting items including solder, hot glue and drills. This space is available to professors and students who are able to work on projects between classes. The Foster Makerplace will grow with the students and professors as they create new and challenging courses.



### KEEP BOOKS

A grant project for 2019, Keep Books, provided reading level books for kindergarten, first and second grade students from low income families who might otherwise not have access to them in their homes. This helps the students practice their beginning reading and literacy skills at home. After ordering and receiving the books, the Gamma Iota members pack books into labeled bags and bundle them for schools. Several members take the book bags to their Title I schools and make class presentations. They have received hundreds of thank you letters from the kids and some are shown here.

### LIFE Foundation Annual Meeting

Due to the current unprecedented circumstances, this newsletter publication and dissemination is serving the purpose of the LIFE Foundation's annual meeting. Please refer all questions and comments to Donna Fleischer at [dkg.life1@gmail.com](mailto:dkg.life1@gmail.com).



## **Your California State LIFE Foundation Seeks a Few Good Women:**

### **Yes, YOU Can!**

This year Donna Fleischer will complete her exemplary service to the LIFE Board as president. In addition, Elise Buel and Kelly Franklin will be missed as each completes her service as well. We invite **YOU** to join the LIFE Foundation Board of Directors and help us complete our mission and grow personally as a leader. All members of DKG California are members of the LIFE Foundation and are eligible to serve on the Board of Directors. If you enjoy philanthropy and want to help members and nonmembers throughout California receive grants to help with wonderful literacy and learning projects, please join us. If you have any questions, please contact Anita McKean, LIFE Nominations Chair, at [dkg.life3@gmail.com](mailto:dkg.life3@gmail.com).

Applications and nominations are due by November 1, 2020 and can be submitted online to: [dkgca.life3@gmail.com](mailto:dkgca.life3@gmail.com). Forms are available on The LIFE Foundation webpage: [www.dkgca.org/thelifefoundation.html](http://www.dkgca.org/thelifefoundation.html).

### **Support LIFE**

#### **Use The Chi State Learning Is For Everyone Foundation (LIFE) as your Smile.Amazon.com charity**

You can now use smile.amazon.com to support The LIFE Foundation! When you make purchases with Amazon Prime simply log into smile.amazon.com and choose The Chi State Learning Is For Everyone Foundation (LIFE) as your charity. Once you do, The LIFE Foundation will receive a .5% donation from all of your purchases when you purchase through smile.amazon.



This year's LIFE book selection is *The Secret Life of Mrs. London*, by Rebecca Rosenberg. This is an historical fiction novel about the Life of Jack London's wife, Charmain. The author, Rebecca Rosenberg, is a California native and lives in Sonoma California on a lavender farm with her family.

Please purchase this book through your smile.amazon account to support The LIFE Foundation and join us for a meet the author question and answer at the 2021 DKGCalifornia Convention.

## LIFE Foundation Donations

The LIFE Board of Directors and Grant Recipients would like to thank the following for their donations to this foundation received between April 1, 2019 and April 30, 2020.

### Areas

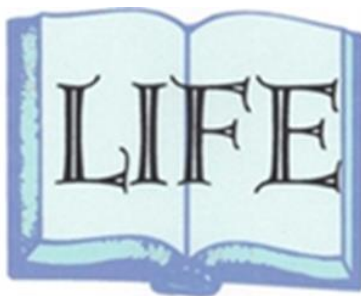
- Area 1
- Area 2
- Area 10
- Area 13

### Chapters

- Epsilon Pi,
- Beta Alpha, Area 2
- Delta Rho, Area 4
- Iota Xi
- Theta Iota, Area 6
- Beta Psi, Area 6
- Delta Lambda, Area 5
- Epsilon Phi, Area 8
- Epsilon Epsilon, Area 9
- Alpha Upsilon, Area 10
- Beta Beta, Area 12
- Gamma Zeta, Area 12
- Omicron, Area 13
- Gamma Epsilon, Area 14
- Zeta Beta
- Pi,
- Gamma Alpha, Area
- Sigma, Area 12
- Zeta Rho, Area 17
- Iota Omicron
- Zeta Psi
- Epsilon Kappa
- Delta Sigma
- Delta Omega
- Alpha Gamma

### Individuals

- Karen Akana
- Marjie Armstrong
- Lorraine Avery
- Dorothy Baciocco
- Janis Barr
- Dr. Herb Bartelt, Jr.
- Lynne Bryan
- Eleanor Burton



- Kay Beeson
- Carole Campagna
- Stephanie Chapralis
- Diana Clark
- Gretchen Covington
- Marjorie Crump-Shears
- Marlene Daniels
- Ruth Diekman
- Susan Dunlop
- Shirley Drake-Hodgkins
- Nancy Durein
- Kathleen Ellis
- Louetta Erlin
- Patricia Feist
- Danitsa Finch
- Neva Fleckenstein
- Carol Hansen
- Jan Hass
- Patricia Hewes
- Steve Hodges
- Phyllis Howard
- Stephanie Hurst
- Sandy Keith
- Robin Kelley
- Angela Loya
- Pamela Meyer
- Maureen Minto
- Mickey Miyamoto
- Rosa Montoya
- Sandy O'Hare
- Carla Peterson
- Theresa Ralston
- Nancy Rogers-Zegarra
- Kathy Simpson
- Bev Singer
- Raelene Standifer
- Pamela Stine
- Melody Sugars
- Pamela Townsend
- Ruby Wilson

# LIFE Foundation Donations

## In Memory and In Honor of

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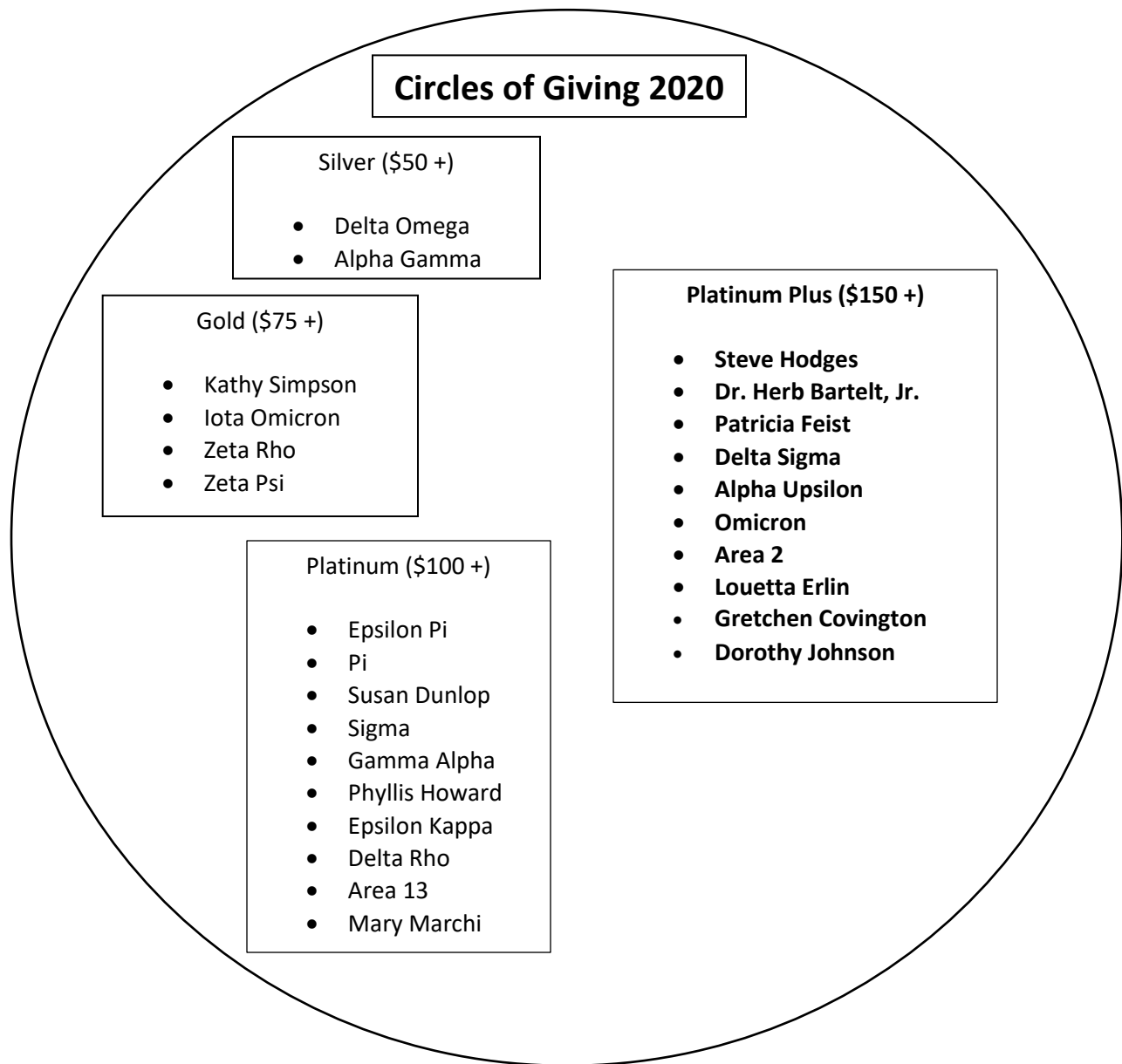
- Jan Mix and Jane Hayden, members of Delta Nu, Area 13
- Betty Jurasek, who was an avid reader and a champion of encouraging others to read, by Mary Ried, Eta Rho, Area 9
- Dorinda Henderson, by her sister Kelorah Franklin
- Dr. Dame Minita E. Gordon, former Governor-General of Belize, by her sister Kelorah Franklin
- Pastor May Dakers, by her daughter Kelorah Franklin
- Francis Geddes, by Epsilon Beta, Area 1
- Janice Mangerino, by Omicron, Area 13
- Beverly Bain, by Epsilon Phi, Area 8
- Charles Van Meter, husband of Bonnie, by Delta Lambda, Area 5
- Ray Kessler, husband of Eulale, by Epsilon Kappa, Area 9
- Bruce Banks, husband of Criss, by Iota Omicron, Area 13
- Jean Wenberg, member for 51 years, by Zeta Psi, Area 4
- Past Delta Omega members, by Delta Omega, Area 9
- Linda Hosaka, member, by Beta Delta, Area 10
- Rosalia Cormalis, mother of Criss Banks, Iota Omicron, Area 13
- Jackie Albini, a friend of Mickey Miyamoto, Delta Lambda, Area 5
- Jackie Albini, DKG Sister, Mary Marchi, Delta Lambda, Area 5
- Mary Thomas, member, by Dr. Herb Bartelt, Jr

- Rebecca Robertson, by Pat Feist, Beta Delta
- Collen Tan, member, Delta Sigma Chapter, Area 14
- Fred Krinke, father of Diane Sanchez, Iota Omicron, Area 13
- Rose Kume, Aunt of Pamela Stine, Beta Rho, Area 4
- Hilda Morlang, Area 2 past Director, by Leading Ladies of Northern California

### In honor of . . .

- Iota Tau Chapter, Area 5, by Anita McKean
- Kathy O'Leary, by Beta Delta Chapter, Area 10
- Barbara Styson, by Beta Delta Chap., Area 10
- Dixie Karlson, past treasurer, by Mary Marchi, Delta Lambda, Area 5
- Nancy Durein, past Area director, by Mary Marchi, Delta Lambda, Area 5
- Gayle Paul, past chapter president, by Mary Marchi, Delta Lambda, Area 5
- Suzanne Siegelman, past chapter president, by Mary Marchi, Delta Lambda, Area 5
- Mary Marchi, by Phyllis Howard, Omicron, Area 13
- DKG CA Scholarship Committee, by Margie Armstrong, Beta Omicron, Area 12





## And the winner is . . . Dr. Margie Armstrong!

Congratulations to Margie, of Huntington Beach, for winning the Tahoe Vacation raffle for the LIFE Foundation. Thank you all who entered through the mail for your tickets. Thank you to Mel Kelley for conducting the drawing.

A HUGE thank you to **Sandi Carder** for making this happen for LIFE with your generous donation!





## The LIFE Foundation Grant Awards 2020

Grants were awarded for many creative projects that support literacy.

Mary Rust, Gamma Theta Chapter, Area XVIII, Books for Teen Parents  
Marsha Leadingham, Delta Lambda Chapter, Area II, Reading Is Fundamental  
Linda Murphy, Theta Chapter, Area V, Literacy Center Survival Skills  
Lea Van Diepen, Beta Delta Chapter, Area X, Harry Potter Literacy Unit  
Xye Sanders, Beta Delta Chapter, Area X, Study Skills-Life Management 101  
Nancy Schuler-Jones, Iota Nu Chapter, Area VIII, Books for Babies  
Lisa McKenzie, Iota Omega Chapter, Area VI, SIPPS Beg. Level Reading Program  
Nancy Ryan, Eta Iota Chapter, Area XVI, Christmas Literacy Project  
Suzanne Fraser Gamma Zeta Chapter, Area XII, Literacy Through Books  
Sally Dubois, Zeta Phi Chapter, Area X, Lindsay School Children's Literacy  
Ana Snelling, Epsilon Delta Chapter, Area VII, A Tisket, A Tasket, My Little Rdg. Basket  
Sarah Rines, Area X, Science Literacy  
Marliee Platke, Iota XI Chapter, Area XV, Books for Ronald McDonald's House  
Dee Cavenee, Gamma Epsilon Chapter, Area XIV, Bag of Books  
Cara Eisenberg, Area III, Summer Books Project  
Abigail Deming, Area XII, Social Emotional Literacy/Autism  
Sacha Moustakas, Area III, Summer Books to Prevent Summer Slide  
Stephanie Zierhut, Epsilon Phi Chapter, Area VIII, A Book A Month  
Asha Edwin-Kent, Beta Delta Chapter, Area X, Helping Humans and Nature Prosper  
Dee Harmon, Epsilon Lambda Chapter, Area XIV, Women of History  
Lyn Amustafa, Gamma Upsilon Chapter, Area XI, Mastery Learning & Literacy for Bio Sci  
Nancy Rogers-Zegarra, Eta Upsilon Chapter, Area I, Imagination Literacy Project  
Tina Shaw, Gamma Upsilon Chapter, Area XI, Building of Science Literacy  
Joan Mifsud, Tau Chapter, Area XVII, Books for Babes

**START THINKING ABOUT WHAT LITERACY PROJECTS YOU WANT TO DO FOR YOUR  
CLASS, SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY NOW!**

Applications and instructions can be found at [dkgca.org/LIFE](http://dkgca.org/LIFE).

Grants for 2020-2021 are due March 1, 2021.

Please note - Unfortunately, the Helene Going Green Grants are no longer funded.

## Treasurer's Report

This was an unusual and challenging year for everyone in so many ways. I am sure it goes without saying that we really missed the crazy work of the raffle, and seeing the wonderful women of DKG in person. Clearly, the lack of a convention raffle will impact the LIFE foundation for a few years. The raffle held at convention each year is typically about half of our funds. It is our hope that Areas and Chapters will find a fun way to raise a bit of money to help make up for the loss we have suffered.

We had to be very conservative with our giving for the 2020 grant round, and had to make some very tough decisions. We awarded 24 of the 29 grants received for a total of \$12,546, which includes one \$200 Helene Going Green grant. Sadly, that was the last Helene Going Green grant as the funding has ended.

As you know, we try very hard to keep our expenses as low as possible. In 2019 our non-grant expenses were 15.83% of our income. In 2020 it was 16.39%, up 0.56%.

On a positive note, our **Amazon Smile** donations are up from .27% to 1.28%. Thank you to all of you who have choose the LIFE Foundation as your charity on Amazon Smile!

### **Learning Is For Everyone Foundation (LIFE) Tax ID Use Procedures**

1. Submit an application to the LIFE Foundation, using the Tax ID Request application, for a grant to fund a project that supports Learning and Literacy. Include a budget indicating the total amount of funds needed, in addition to the grant request sought, to fully fund the project.

2. Upon approval of the grant request, solicit monetary donations from people or businesses that want to give a tax deductible donation. The money is sent to the LIFE treasurer with the name, address, and email information of the donor. The LIFE donation form can be used, and the money is sent directly to LIFE. **It is critical that you write the grant number on the donation form so it can be accounted for properly.**

**\* (Please note that any fundraising activities held by the chapter for the project, such as a raffle, silent auction, book sale or pass the hat, are not tax deductible and do not need to be sent to LIFE.)\***

3. A check is then sent to the grant recipient for the amount of money collected.

4. The LIFE Foundation sends a letter for the tax deduction to the donor.

5. Monetary donations OVER the amount stated in the grant budget, is kept by the LIFE Foundation and used in the next grant round.

6. The money is then reported on the FTB 199 and IRS 990.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** To use the LIFE Tax ID number to procure a room for rent from someone who gives a lower price to a 501(c)(3), please contact Robin Kelley at 530-317-7729 for the necessary paperwork.

## Financial Report April 2019-April 2020

	Actual 2019-2020	Proposed Budget 2020-2021
<b>INCOME</b>		
Amazon Smile	\$ 139.89	\$120.00
Donations	\$5,108.17	\$5,000.00
Convention Raffle	\$4,743.03	
Vacation Raffle	\$440.00	\$400.00
Other Income	\$470.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$10,901.09</b>	<b>\$5,520</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Housing	(\$683.99)	(\$600.00)
Mileage	(\$444.30)	(\$400.00)
Printing	(\$189.70)	(\$200.00)
Postage		
Supplies	(\$200.99)	(\$200.00)
Audit		
Corporate Business		
Miscellaneous	(\$247.96)	(\$150.00)
AG Raffle Fee	(\$20.00)	(\$20.00)
<b>Total Business Expenses</b>	<b>(\$1,786.94)</b>	<b>(1,570.00)</b>
Grants	(\$12,546.00)	To Be Determined
Helene Going Green	(\$200.00)	N/A (funding has ended)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>(\$14,532.94)</b>	<b>(\$1,570.00)</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>(\$3,631.85)</b>	<b>\$3,950.00</b>

