

HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH
SPECIAL GIFT FUND – 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

BACKGROUND:

The Hennepin County Special Gift Fund (SGF) was established in 1970 to provide financial assistance to Health and Human Services clients who are faced with a crisis or have special needs where all other financial resources to meet those needs have been exhausted. Access to the funds, on behalf of a client, is made by the client's case manager or social worker. Individual requests are limited to \$200.00 except in compelling cases. All funds in the Special Gift Fund are donated, and no tax dollars are used.

2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

Please note that accounting was consulted to reconcile the budget of the Special Gift Fund, to ensure that all expenses were captured and reflected accurately. Below reflects the most updated information regarding the Special Gift Fund.

1/1/2024 Starting Balance	44,452.81
2024 Cash and Check Donations	2023 bake sale numbers (437.51 in cash/\$ 2747 in silent auction and donations) total deposit \$3184.51 May Retiree Luncheon (\$1249 total) \$315 in cash and \$934 in checks. There were additional donations throughout the year that enhanced the total overall revenue/donations for the Special Gift Fund to total 9, 083.16.
2024 Disbursements totaled	12, 167.87

2024 SUMMARY OF DONATIONS:

The Special Gift fund remains fund by 100% donations. This year the Special Gift Fund benefited from the annual bake sale and silent auction, the retiree luncheon, and various donations throughout the year totaling \$9, 083.16.

2024 SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES:

The Health and Human Services Department had 71 clients that received a grant from the SGF, this was an increase from the previous year. Many of the grants went to support new families who required additional assistance with newborn supplies due to a medically compromised birth, loss of a job or a woman fleeing a domestic violence circumstance. Additional supports were requested for various medical needs that were not covered by insurance, course or camp fees, and assistance with basic needs due to unforeseen circumstances. Various service areas were supported by the grant, including Initial

Contact and Access, Long Term Services and Supports, Public Health/Healthy Families, Adult Protection, and Behavioral Health. Grants were issued by check and ranged from \$28 to \$200.

The Special Gift Fund afforded clients the ability to buy basic baby needs while families awaiting benefits or a paycheck from a new job, the ability to purchase new clothes for interviews and/or school, purchase groceries rich in iron to meet their medical needs, attend a camp for specific therapeutic needs, ride safely in a car with proper safety restraints, and assisted with transportation costs so a parent could begin a new job that lead to better opportunities. Employees are gracious for the Special Gift fund and send on words of gratitude and relief knowing that this fund is available for urgent needs that would otherwise be unavailable.

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