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Date of Application
September 30, 2014

Organization Name:
Drive a Senior - South Austin

Organization Legal Name:
South Austin Caregivers

Street Address, City, Zip Code:
205 E. Monroe St.
Austin, TX 78737

Main Area Code and Phone Number:
512-445-5552

Website Address:
www.driveaseniorsouthaustin.org

Executive Director or CEO:

First Name
Deborah

Last Name
Brockman

Contact Person

First Name
Deborah

Last Name

Brockman

Contact Area Code and Phone Number:

512-445-5552

Contact E-mail:

sa@driveasenior.org

Please briefly describe your organization.

(500 word limit)

Drive a Senior-South Austin (formerly Faith in Action Caregivers) provides personalized services that empower and enhance the independence and quality of life of homebound senior adults in the South Austin geographical area. Services are designed to remove barriers to maintaining health and well-being and include transportation, minor home repairs and yard work, social visits and calls, emergency food assistance, and resource referrals. All services are delivered by screened and trained volunteers at no charge to clients. The mission of Drive a Senior-South Austin is to empower senior adults in maintaining their independence with dignity and a quality of life.

What is the total amount of the Angel Gift you are requesting?

(15 character limit)

\$1,650.00

Indicate the county (or counties) your organization serves.

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Approximately how many individuals will be served through your organization and this Angel Gift?

20

What is the expected duration of this grant?

(In whole months)

2

Please justify how the Angel Gift will be used. Describe the project and its purpose.

(1000 word limit)

Drive a Senior - South Austin serves eight zip code areas in South Austin; seven of those zip code areas are identified with a high density of senior adults < 200% of the poverty threshold. Food prices and utility rates are rising, and rent prices have risen up to \$200/month. While some clients qualify for government assistance, others do not, or are only receiving a low amount. One client reports she gets \$15.00/month. Our senior clients need assistance with not only eating, but eating the right foods for their health needs. Many clients are diabetic, have cancer, or other health challenges that require a special diet. A church food pantry usually is heavy in carbohydrates and low in protein. Food pantries, understandably, cannot accommodate special diets.

Last fall (2013), St. David's Health's Angels generously gifted Faith in Action Caregivers (now Drive a Senior) \$750 for emergency food gift cards for 10 of our clients. These were enormously appreciated. Volunteers that provided the drives for the recipients reported back the joy the clients felt selecting their own preferred products. Our mission of empowering senior adults with dignity and a quality of life was enhanced with this gracious gift.

Drive a Senior - South Austin is again asking for this assistance for Fall, 2014. Our client population has increased 40% since 2013. There are more hungry seniors in our area. In addition, seniors that were able to balance their monthly income to expenses are decreasing due to the cost of living increases in Austin; they are having to make the awful choice between food or safe shelter. Therefore, we are asking for \$75 gift cards for 20 of our 338 clients, along with administrative costs of \$150 to administrate purchasing and delivering the gift cards, and documenting the special service. The total request is \$1,650.00. Volunteers from Drive a Senior - South Austin will transport the client to the grocery store at no charge, and accommodate him or her while shopping as

usual. While this is not a permanent solution for a continuing challenge, it will make a positive difference in the lives of 20 of our clients during the approaching holiday season. It will make a grateful memory that will last much longer.

Travis County Health and Human Services (Spring 2014).

http://www.co.travis.tx.us/health_human_services/research_planning/publications/acs/older-adults.pdf

Please upload your completed budgetary timeline template provided to you by the Foundation. The timeline should reflect the expected duration of the grant, and the total cost should reflect the total amount requested.

[Budget for Angel Gift Application 2014.xlsx](#)

Please indicate the estimated date that the brief project report and photographs will be available, should you receive this grant.

January 15, 2015

Budget and Timeline for Angel Gift

Contact Individual for Budgetary Questions:

Expenses	Reason for Expense
\$1,500.00	Emergency Food Cards at WalMart and/or HEB (20 @ \$75/Each)
\$150.00	Administration: Purchasing client cards from HEB and/or WalMart, delivering to recipients, documenting distribution of gift cards (with acknowledgement of Health's Angels generous gift).

Total Cost: \$1,650.00

Total Project Time Commitment: Nov - Dec 2014