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**Re: Meeting request for next week**

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**From** Kelvin Garcia <Kelvin.Garcia@uss.salvationarmy.org>

**Date** Mon 2/10/2025 6:37 PM

**To** Robert Catapano <rcatapano@indianriver.gov>; Megan Kendrick <mkendrick@indianriver.gov>

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## Children's Services Advisory Committee (CSAC)

### To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to the Children's Services Advisory Committee (CSAC) for the generous opportunity and for awarding us a \$10,000 grant for our music program. We truly appreciate your support and commitment to improving the lives of children in our community.

After careful consideration, we regret to inform you that we will not be able to accept the grant, as our program's outcomes do not fully align with CSAC's objectives. While we deeply value the emphasis on academic achievement, our focus is on arts education and character development. Our mission is to inspire children to explore music and the arts, fostering creativity, self-expression, and personal growth—regardless of their academic performance.

We believe that the role of schools is to enhance academic learning, while our program aims to nurture children's love for music, help them develop responsibility, teamwork, and emotional intelligence, and encourage them to be well-rounded individuals. While some participants may go on to join orchestras or pursue music professionally, our primary goal is to provide them with an enriching experience that contributes to their overall development.

Because we want to remain transparent and true to our mission, we have made the difficult decision to decline the grant rather than adjust our outcomes solely to fit its criteria. However, we strongly believe that our **Character Building Program**, which focuses on **emotional intelligence**, aligns well with CSAC's goals. Research shows that programs like ours help children build confidence, develop teamwork skills, regulate emotions under stress, and improve their overall well-being—factors that contribute to their long-term success. We look forward to the opportunity to apply for funding under this program, as we are confident it will be a more accurate match for CSAC's mission.

Thank you again for your support, and we appreciate your consideration for future funding opportunities.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Robert Catapano <rcatapano@indianriver.gov>

**Date:** Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 11:43

**To:** Kelvin Garcia <Kelvin.Garcia@uss.salvationarmy.org>, Megan Kendrick <mkendrick@indianriver.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Meeting request for next week

Hi Kelvin,

Thank you for a great meeting today. We appreciate your transparency and proactive communication. We still look forward to the opportunity to work together on Human Services initiatives and are optimistic about next year's CSAC application.

The RFP for the upcoming funding cycle will go live on February 1st. [Here](#) is the link to our website that explains the process.

We would love to see you at our upcoming professional developments. Below are the details:

**Part II: Strengthening Alignment: Goals, Outcomes, and Impact Workshop (You must have attended Part I and complete Activity 3, 4, and 5 from the Participation Activity Package to attend.)**

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- **Date:** February 4, 2025
- **Time:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **Info:**
  - To make the most of the workshop, we ask that you review and complete the following activities from the Participant Activity Package **before** attending:
    - Activity 3: Backward Design—Let's Practice!
    - Activity 4: Program Alignment
    - Activity 5: Creating Strong Outcomes—Let's Practice!
- **Agenda:**
  - 10:00-10:15 AM
    - Overview of CSAC organizational structure
  - 10:15-10:30
    - Aligning activities to ensure impact
  - 10:30-11:00
    - Peer review of goals, outcomes, and activities (Activities 3, 4, and 5)
  - 11:00-12:00
    - Small group sessions based on your needs
  - 12:00-1:00 (Optional)
    - Staff and CSAC Members will stay to provide additional support

**3. Part III: Peer Review and Refinement (you must have attended Part I)**

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- **Date:** March 4, 2025
- **Time:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **Focus:**
  - Peer review of draft grants using the scoring rubric.
  - Strengthening applications through collaborative discussion and refinement.

**Next Steps:**

We kindly ask that The Salvation Army provide a letter explaining the circumstances surrounding this year's Outcomes as well as all of the items we discussed at the meeting.

Please let us know if you have any questions, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration.

Thank you,



Robert Catapano

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**From:** Kelvin Garcia <Kelvin.Garcia@uss.salvationarmy.org>  
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Yes, I'll be there Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.

Blessings!

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Would Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM work for you?

With gratitude,  
Megan



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Hey Megan and Robert,  
I hope you are doing well.  
Can I schedule a meeting with you guys next week? Could you tell me the day and time, and I will be there?

Blessings!

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