

**Proposal: New Life Community Church**

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**Submitted:** Chairman Ned Norris Jr. Tohono O’odham Nation ATTN: Lanez Valisto

**Name of Organization:** New Life Community Church (NLCC)

**Years in Existence:** 4 years

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**Tax ID Number:** 80-0560873

**Amount of Funding Request: \$24,000.00**

**Our Purpose:**

New Life Community Church was founded in 2010, a faith based organization located in the Heart of Glendale, the Ocotillo District. NLCC was formed to impact on socio-cultural dynamics and environment in efforts to ultimately empower & enhance the quality of life for this Inner-City community. In order to reach this effort we must instill moral and positive values on a spiritual, physical and emotional level to the families of this community. Our vision is to build a stronger Community; promoting hope for their futures.

**A. Purpose of Grant:**

NLCC purpose is to help families build strong skills, expand their abilities, and provide them with positive community programs and cultural activities. These activities will provide healthy alternatives to redirect the “at risk” children, youth and their families. Our goal is to ultimately develop indigenous individuals and leaders.

**B. The Population of Glendale:** The people of the Ocotillo District statistics and overall City

- A family of 4 has an average income of \$20,000 per year.
- Less than 41% of adults have high school diplomas.
- Fatherless homes = 58.5%, its one of the highest in the City of Glendale.
- The overall crime rate statistics are 64 % for the city and the State average is 35%.

As we have assessed the needs of “The Heart of Glendale” the results of these assessments have helped us to identify other services and programs that will better this impoverished, urban community with the promise of opportunity in their future.

### **C. GRANT BUDGET 2014 New Life Community Church Events and Programs**

**SpringFest:** Event in March an alternative for spring break **Cost: \$4500.00**

**OctoberFest:** Event in October alternative for Halloween /fall break **Cost: \$4500.00**

These community events are held at Isaac Imes School. The monies requested are to continue these backyard events in the Heart of Glendale. These events are an alternative to promote a healthy and safe environment to provide positive activities in the Community, with the most crime and poverty levels in the City of Glendale for the children and families (an alternative to inactivity during school breaks and holidays)

The Event:

- Entertainment: consists of local talent in music, dancers, bands and all creative arts
- Community gets to meet their community/City leaders, church leaders and motivational speakers to encourage and support them.
- For Children and youth we have booths: games, crafts, face painting, nail painting, Bounce houses, children performing in dance and drama, cake walks, many prizes and candy.
- Food and hydration booths all free, we provide food bags, clothing and drinks to take home.
- Car Show and Raffles where we give away prizes and furniture for adults, children and youth
- Egg hunt in March, Trick and Trunk candies in October

NLCC has been able to earn the trust of the families and build relationships with them. We believe in rolling up our sleeves, walking side by side with the people and creating an atmosphere of Love.

### **Summer Programs**

**Vacation Summer School:** Rose Lane Community Center, Glendale **Cost: \$3000.00**

For at risk children ages 3-13 one week in July at the Community Center in the Ocotillo District. The grant is needed for all teaching and craft materials, for music, for provision of food, drinks, and swimming and childcare. All geared to teach & train the children towards a successful future as we instill values, morals, character building, and leadership skills. We have many volunteers (parents, relatives, all our church volunteers) that make it a week to remember!

**Miscellaneous:** Month of June and July: Movie nights, swimming and bowling

**Cost: \$1000.00**

Monies needed for all children and youth to participate at no cost to them, food provision is included. We want to keep them active during the summer months in positive activities and food programs (summer months are a hardship to the children in this community regarding food provision).

**Boys Camp:** July

**Cost: \$1000.00**

Boys ages 7-17, 2 days of camping with the Men of NLCC, teaching them positive life lessons. Monies for provision are for food costs, facility, and transportation. **Providing mentoring and Love to a Fatherless community.**

**Back to School Sunday:** Month of August

**Cost: \$2600.00**

Sending off the children and youth of the Ocotillo District back to school with all their school needs met.

- Haircuts to both boys and girls by volunteer barbers and hairdressers,
- We provide backpacks for all ages filled with all school supplies and materials needed.
- A Back to School Blow Out! A full morning program with skits and games for the whole family to enjoy. We encourage all students to do their best, we give them snacks, all to bring hope and promote successful futures.

**Thanksgiving baskets/Thanksgiving Dinner:** month of November

**Cost: \$3000.00**

- Monies are to help provide a turkey and food baskets to families in need.
- We can also feed the homeless, Senior citizens and needy families with a Thanksgiving Dinner, music and a Word of Thanksgiving. We expect at least 250-300 people including children and volunteers it's a big event.

**Christmas Eve Extravaganza:** month of December

**Cost: \$4400.00**

Monies to provide food boxes gifts for all children and youth, clothing and blankets, candy bags, Christmas crafts made by the families. A Christmas play and music that includes the children and adults of this community, their talents revealed. The volunteers include the families of this barrio, learning to serve each other. Our Mission is for all families in this barrio to understand the concept of giving in love and receiving and that everyone in spite of their circumstances can believe that dreams are a reality if we all work together as a TEAM!

This event brings many families of different ethnic and cultural backgrounds to a safe and healthy environment. This event brings in 350-400 people of the "Heart of Glendale" and none of them have been turned away all have been blessed.

**Grant Request: \$24,000.00**

We want to continue to bring Hope to this community we anticipate growth and increase in 2015.

- D. We have never submitted a fund request under this proposal
- E. We have not received any funds from Tohono O’odham Nation or other Arizona Tribes
- F. Contact information is on page 1 of Proposal
- G. Cultural and Environment Development and Protection

**H. Supporting Members:**

City of Glendale Councilmember Norma Alvarez

City of Phoenix Councilmember Michael Nowakowski

Martin Samaniego, Board Member of GESD

Joe Quintana, Elementary School District Superintendent

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