



Roseville Area Angel Assistance

Common name: the “Angel” Fund

Vision:

Providing stability for families and individuals by serving our Roseville area community.

What is it? A pooled reserve fund supplied by congregations and others who consider their community to be in the Roseville Area School District. The Angel fund will provide an additional resource to draw from in times of extraordinary circumstances where other resources are not available or have been exhausted. Keystone Community Services will administer the funding.

Need:

In the Roseville area, there is a growing need among faith partners to have a place to refer people who approach our places of worship for direct assistance. As congregations, we do not have the capacity to fully fund requests for emergencies and we do not have the expertise to provide assistance that is best handled by social service programs.

Proposed solution:

The faith partners entrust Keystone Community Services to appropriately use these funds raised by direct support from the congregations or other community partners to serve the needs of our community in times of crisis after all other options have been exhausted or the individual/family does not qualify for other assistance programs.

Keystone will administer the funds (inclusive of administrative costs). Benevolence can be mailed to:

Keystone Community Services

Attn: **Roseville Area Angel Assistance Fund (Please write “Angel Fund” in MEMO of check)**

2000 St. Anthony Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55104

There are two threads of help:

School-linked Community Social Worker (CRN)/Community Resource Navigator (CRN)

The majority of the fund, such as 75% of the fund after administrative costs, would be designated to support families with children in the Roseville Area school district who are identified by referrals directly to the CLUES CSW working in District 623. The goal is to have long-term structure or deeper support when these families have been identified or supported. The CSW would make decisions on the amount of support to offer (with a cap of \$500) that would be approved by Georgi Nguyen (Extraordinary circumstances will be reviewed for added funding, when needed.)

The purpose of this support is to help families in need of more assistance to find stability when other resources have been exhausted or unavailable. These families could, but are not required, to be connected with faith communities if they express an interest or need in additional advocacy or direct assistance (examples include, but are not limited to: food, gift/bus cards, short-term supplies, transportation, childcare, befriending/coaching, financial coaching, or other areas of expertise from people in the faith partner networks).

Churches that make referrals to the CSW may, but are not required to, maintain a relationship after the referral is made. Essentially, it will be up to the discretion of the CSW and other staff whether it is appropriate to bring in faith partners to walk alongside a family if the belief is that this partnership would be welcomed and beneficial.

Non-School-Linked Situations

The Keystone Congregations model was formed in 2006 to stop church-to-church hopping by people in crisis in order to find resources. Funds are made available (not to exceed 25% of the fund after administrative costs) to help with crisis situations of families and individuals living in the Roseville Area school district where the assistance would likely prevent a larger crisis in the future. Similar to the scenario described with school district-based referrals; The Keystone Resource Navigator would make decisions on the appropriate amount of support with the approval of Georgi Nguyen (with a cap of \$500).

Training:

How will church office administrators know when to call, who to call, and what to do when people contact the church in need?

- 1) If any partner would like information about this fund and how to help individuals and families, contact Georgi Nguyen @ gnguyen@keystoneservices.org
- 2) If any partner needs up to date information on basic needs resources or employment and training resources for youth, view the SHARED GOOGLE DOCS below:
 - a. For the SRFC BASIC NEEDS RESOURCE DIRECTORY Go to:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1I22NCqIUnwa5PhDNX9Pjuv1BfahSemETtLYNI_1_HSFQ/edit?usp=sharing
 - b. For the YOUTH JOBS AND TRAINING DIRECTORY Go to:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Im17Oknvm-tX9V6hwiqzAYa15YNUME4GLL-Gc3zHro/edit?usp=sharing>. To access editing rights, contact MarySue.Hansen@isd623.org to either copy or customize this list for your own needs.

Emphasis will be placed on explaining that just because the person is referred to Keystone (or to another social service program), that this is not a guarantee that funding will be available or provided.

Role of the Advisory Team:

- Meet on a regular basis
- Led by Keystone (and supported by SRFC, Roseville Schools and CLUES) with updates on:
 - How the process is going
 - A detail of the budget:
 - # of Applications to-date
 - Total and Type of funds granted
 - Balance of funding to-date
 - Client impact stories that the Advisory Team can bring back to their communities
 - Trends or anticipated needs
 - Opportunities for volunteering and advocacy
 - Opportunities for expanding the network or expanding the fiscal partners from the community

Expectations of faith partners:

- Contribute financially
 - Consider special offerings at holidays or Lent.
 - Designate yearly/monthly benevolence from their budget (also consider that instead of finding “new funding” in the budget, to pass along discretionary/community support benevolence).
 - Have a fund-raiser to support the Angel Fund
- Continue providing support to other Basic Needs programs at Keystone and tell the congregation about volunteer opportunities
- Lift up Keystone in prayer