



September 15, 2020

The Robert Nelson Foundation  
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Dear Jeffrey Siegel and the trustees of The Robert Nelson Foundation,

We are so deeply grateful for the generous grant of \$15,000 awarded by The Robert Nelson Foundation towards the costs of our emergency COVID-19 response at Union Rescue Mission. Your support is playing a vital role in helping us pivot services to meet the immediate needs in response to COVID-19, here on Skid Row. Thank you.

The COVID-19 pandemic is the most serious health challenge URM has faced in the 128-year history of our organization. Given the breadth and scope of this hidden pandemic, COVID-19 is a crisis more challenging than the Great Depression in the 1920s, and the Great Recession in 2010. Since the very first day of this pandemic in mid-March, we have been working 24/7 with city-wide agencies and our frontline responders to meet the needs of our guests, staff, and community. After receiving clearance from LA County to receive people back from isolation and accept new guests, URM is adapting the way it provides all services – reconfiguring dorms, creating six landing areas for men, women and children, both post positive Covid-19 and negative for Covid-19. The new procedures being implemented will permanently change the way we do things at URM and underscore the importance of our long-term vision for Angeles House and for decentralizing services throughout Los Angeles.

Grant funding from The Robert Nelson Foundation is helping us meet the increased costs incurred as we put in place these new plans. Costs covered include extra staffing costs and the purchase of emergency supplies and food - needs and activities that are changing daily. Your extraordinarily generous giving has made all the difference in our ability to step up to meet these needs. Thank you.

Thank you again for your friendship and the gift of hope and compassion you are providing to people who need it most, during these unprecedented times. Please feel free to reach out to me on my cell (626-260-4761) for any questions you may have.

With heartfelt thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Bales", written in a cursive style.

Rev. Andy J. Bales,  
Chief Executive Officer

The Internal Revenue Code requires that we acknowledge contributions in writing and state that we provide no goods or services in return for your gift. All contributions to Union Rescue Mission are tax deductible. Union Rescue Mission's Tax I.D. number is: 95-1709293.

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