



TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor and Town Council **Date:** March 11, 2014

From: Ralph Wright **Item No:** 5
Parks and Recreation Manager
Parks and Recreation

Subject: FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE CHURCH FOR WHOSOEVER
ANNUAL OUTREACH ON MAY 26, 2014 AND SEPTEMBER 1, 2014.

T.M. Approval: _____ **Budgeted Item:** Yes No N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For good cause shown, and finding a waiver will serve a public purpose, approve the waiver of the Facility Rental Fee of \$717.72.

SUMMARY:

The Church for Whosoever is hosting its Annual Outreaches on Memorial Day at Thunderbird Park and Labor Day at the James Woody Community Center. These outreaches allow the church to reach out to families in low-income, high crime areas of the community by providing groceries, clothing, toys and school supply give-a-ways.

BACKGROUND:

On 8-14-01, the Town Council adopted a policy stating fees can be administratively waived for a local public agency, a utility company or service district, or a similar entity providing an essential service to the general community, whereas, non-profit requests for fee waivers must go before the Town Council for consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Although there is not an ongoing demand that is displaced with the requests at these two parks, the waiving of these fees will result in the loss of potential revenue in the amount of \$717.72



Town Council Members
Town of Apple Valley
14955 Dale Evans Parkway
Apple Valley, CA 92307

February 11, 2014

Dear Mayor Curt Emick & Town Council,

On Monday, May 26, 2014, The Church for Whosoever will be hosting an Outreach at the Thunderbird Park in Apple Valley from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and again on Monday, September 1, 2014, at James Woody Community Park. We are requesting a waiver for the amount that will be charged to us for using your facilities. The amount is \$717.72 total for both events.

For the last 16 years, our church has had the privilege of hosting this charitable outreach in the Apple Valley community, and every year the needs get greater and greater. Last year, we were able to serve over 3,000 people at each event who benefited by receiving food, clothing, haircuts, bikes and toys, all at no charge. Some of our local businesses also donate their time, service & products (such as free haircuts, manicures and toothbrushes) and help us serve this low income and high crime area. Our target area is the "Mountain Vista" area, also known as "Felony Flats", behind the old Target Shopping Center on Hwy 18 and the area around the James Woody Park.

We host this event only twice a year and have built relationships with the people in these areas, many of whom are children. Our Outreach goes beyond giving out free things, we also pick up these children for Sunday services every week, feed them breakfast & lunch and show them the love and hope in Christ. This is something that we believe is very important because if we can reach one heart, we can reach a family and ultimately a community! We are blessed to not only be reaching the children, but in the last past 2 months, we have noticed that the parents of these children are now attending our services. What a blessing!

We hope that you will consider waiving our fee of \$717.72, it would help us tremendously since our finances are very tight.

We would also like to invite you attend this event. This is a community outreach and it would be an honor to have one of you see what takes place, first hand, with us on these days.

God bless you and thank you,

Pastor Royce Beserra
Senior Pastor