



TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor and Town Council **Date:** May 08, 2018

From: Ralph Wright
Parks and Recreation Manager
Parks and Recreation Department **Item No:** 9

Subject: FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE CHURCH FOR WHOSOEVER ANNUAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH ON MAY 28, 2018 AND SEPTEMBER 3, 2018

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 \$290.82 for both events.

SUMMARY:

The Church for Whosoever is hosting its Annual Community 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 (2) parks, the waiving of these fees will result in the loss of potential revenue in the amount of \$290.82.



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

April 19, 2018

Dear Mayor Art Bishop & Town Council,

On Monday, May 28, 2018, The Church for Whosoever will be hosting a Community Outreach at Thunderbird Park in Apple Valley from 10:00am to 2:00pm; and again on Monday, September 3, 2018 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 we were quoted is \$290.82 total for both events.

For the last 20 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 1,000 people. At each event, many people benefit by receiving food, clothing, haircuts, bikes and bibles - all at no charge to them. Some of our local businesses also donate their time, service, and products to help us serve this low income and high crime area. Our target area is the "Mountain Vista" area behind the old Ralph's Shopping Market on Hwy 18, and the community 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 Outreaches go beyond giving out free things; we also pick up many of the children in that area and bring them to Sunday services; and provide a sack lunch in addition to showing them love and hope in Christ. We believe this is very important because if we can reach one heart, we can reach one family and ultimately a community!

We hope that you will consider waiving our fee of \$290.82, to help us cut on expenses.

We would also like to invite you to attend either of these events. It would be an honor to have one of you come out and see first-hand what takes place.

God bless you and thank you,
Pastor Royce Beserra, Senior Pastor

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