

Community Enhancement Collaboration, Inc.

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HOLLYWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND GRANT

1. Community Enhancement Collaboration

Name of Organization

2. 01/14/2004

Date Established

3. 5648 Wiley Street Hollywood, FL 33021

Street Address

4. 954-987-0625

Telephone

5. Staff contact person Nadine McCrea

6. General objectives of organization:

The general objective of Community Enhancement Collaboration, Inc. is to enhance the quality of life in the Washington Park area by advancing and strengthening the economic, health, civic and social interests, while improving community pride and promoting active participation by all citizens.

7. Number of Hollywood clients, service recipients, or participants to be served:

	2014 Actual	2015 Proposed
All agency programs	7,000	7,500
Proposed project or program	12	15

I. Please describe the target population to be benefited.

At risk youth in the Washington Park neighborhood and surrounding areas.

II. Briefly describe the project or program for which the funds are requested:

(A more detailed explanation may be attached to this application if necessary)

Funds are being requested for a fun reading, math, and crime prevention program.

8. Outline your plan of action: tasks, schedule and intended outcome.

The plan for the reading on the go program is youth age 4-16 for after school along with extra help. To help students with poor reading and math scores.

9. Relate the proposed project to your organizational mission and current activities/programs. Please describe what you are looking to achieve. Include how many individuals will be impacted and give per individual impact per dollar

This project will advance our mission as we prepare the youth-our future, to be effective and engaged citizens in the community. Our goal is 15 participants with a per individual impact per dollar of \$800.

10. Grant amount requested: \$12,000.00 Total cost of project: \$12,000.00

11. Geographic area grant will serve: Washington Park Neighborhood

12. Other funding sources applied to for this project:

	Amount
EZCORP Foundation	\$5,000 For 3 programs
Molina Healthcare	\$2,000
Hollywood Kia	\$1,000
	\$
	\$

13. Funds awarded for this project to date:

	Amount
N/A	\$0
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

14. Have you been refused any funding for this request?
(If yes, please explain why)

Yes _____ No ☒

N/A

15. Is this a new program or project for your organization? Yes ☒ No _____

16. Is this grant to supplement an established program? Yes _____ No ☒

17. List all grants and funding awards received from all other sources public or private during the preceding 5 fiscal years , i.e. federal, state, county, other municipalities, private foundations and private grant programs.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED

Funding Source	FY'10	FY'11	FY'12	FY'13	FY'14
City of Hollywood	\$82,000				\$10,000
EZCORP Foundation			\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Molina Healthcare			\$1,000	\$2,000	
Data Management				\$1,000	
Hollywood Kia				\$1,000	\$1,000

18. If your organization has paid staff:

Number of full-time paid employees ⁰ _____ part-time ⁰ _____

19. Will this grant involve the need for additional employees? Yes ^x _____ No _____

If yes, how many? ² _____

20. Is this organization a United Way Agency? Yes _____ No ^x _____

21. If this project will be a continuing one, explain in detail the anticipated source of funds for operation in subsequent years:

We will seek funding and donations through
the year.

22. Was there any documentation (community support, research, fact-finding efforts, etc.) which led you to seek funding for this project or program?

Our organization has tremendous community support.
Through our connection with Washington Park Homeowners
Association, we have spoken with families that are
looking for a program like this one. They believe it is a
great resource for our youth and families.

23. Please explain the need and/or relevance of your project:

At CEC, we strongly believe in the importance of community
outreach programs and partnerships. We believe that we
live work and play in this neighborhood. Have a social
responsibility to give back and contribute to the
development of this area.

24. Have similar projects or programs been initiated by other organizations in the

Community?

No, not in this area at this community outreach.

25. How do you plan to evaluate the success of your project or program? Identify what quantitative and qualitative data will be collected to measure the project's impact.

Program success and impact will be evaluated by two methods. A pre and post survey to measure what was learned will be completed by each participant. Data will be collected on each participants demographic information.

26. If you received funds in FY 2014, please give details on how the funds were spent and how it impacted the community/individuals. (How many people were impacted with the funding you were given by the Hollywood Police Department Law Enforcement Trust Funds solely)

27. If you received funds in FY 2014, how much of the Law Enforcement Trust Funds went towards administrative fees? N/A Other services? N/A (Please give details of what the other services are)

28. To be signed by organization's CEO/Board President and by the Executive Director:

I hereby certify that the governing Board of this organization has reviewed the contents of this application and approve its submission to the Hollywood Police Department for a Law Enforcement Trust Fund Grant Award.



4/30/2015

Chair/President

Date

Executive Director

Date

Date Submitted 04 / 30 / 2015

Submitted By Nadine McCrea

NOTE: PLEASE INCLUDE AN ORIGINAL AND

THREE (3) COPIES OF THE APPLICATION AND ALL PERTINENT SUPPORTING INFORMATION.

Required Attachments Checklist: Please check if attached or explain if not attached

- ☒ List of Board of Directors with affiliations.
- ☒ Audited financial statement or compilation of financial statement including income statement and balance sheet if agency has no certified audit.
- ☒ A copy of your most recent letter from the Internal Revenue Service letter determining your agency's tax exempt status
- ☒ Agency's FY 2014 total operating budget and proposed FY 2015 total operating budget (including revenue and expenses for all agency programs).
- ☐ List of governing board of directors showing business, professional and community affiliations. - No governing board, only a board of directors.
- ☒ Recent letters of support for the proposed project
- ☒ One paragraph resumes of key staff, including qualifications relevant to the specific request.
- ☒ Not more than three examples of recent articles about or evaluations of, your organization if available



Community Enhancement Collaboration, Inc., (CEC)

Board of Directors with business, professional and community affiliations

Nadine McCrea, Founder/President of Community Enhancement Collaboration, Inc., (CEC), 2004
President of Washington Park Homeowners Association, Inc., City Citizen of the Year 2007, Florida League of Cities

Charles Owens, Vice President, School Board Employee

Catherine Evanoff, Treasurer, State of Florida Department Employee

Evelyn Corbett, Teacher, School Board Retired

Rosa Johnson, Treasurer, Retired

Directors

Ruby Franklin, Pastor, Nationwide Church of Brotherly Love

Ulyses McCrea, Washington Park Homeowners Association, Inc., (Community Clean-up)

Elizabeth Barnett, Citizen, Neighbor Helper

Jackie Bioski, Pantry Coordinator, Former Food Coordinator of Dominion International Life

Marketing

Marika Guyton, Fundraiser Chair, Memorial Healthcare System, ABOUTU4, LLC

Community Enhancement Collaboration, Inc.
Statement of Financial Income and Expense
January through December 2014

	Unclassified	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Donations Received	24,072.27	24,072.27
Grants Received	10,000.00	10,000.00
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Other Income	1,451.81	1,451.81
Income - Other	378.00	378.00
Total Income	1,829.81	1,829.81
Total Ordinary Income/Expense	1,829.81	1,829.81
Total Income	35,902.08	35,902.08
Expense		
Expense		
Business Expenses	678.43	678.43
Contributions	200.00	200.00
Facilities and Equipment		
Building Main & Repairs	71.88	71.88
Rent	1,259.00	1,259.00
Storage	175.20	175.20
Facilities and Equipment - Other	2,264.19	2,264.19
Total Facilities and Equipment	3,770.27	3,770.27
Operations		
Bank Service Charges	35.00	35.00
Insurance	1,542.75	1,542.75
Internet - Cable	1,704.46	1,704.46
Licenses and Fees	140.00	140.00
Office Expenses & Supplies	991.97	991.97
Printing and Copying	3,058.96	3,058.96
Signs and Banners	60.00	60.00
Telephone, Telecommunications	1,856.57	1,856.57
Vehicle Insurance	626.41	626.41
Website	346.21	346.21
Operations - Other	782.52	782.52
Total Operations	11,144.85	11,144.85
Professional Services		
Accounting Fees	1,500.00	1,500.00
Marketing	1,038.00	1,038.00
Roger Bohler	160.00	160.00
Professional Services - Other	287.00	287.00
Total Professional Services	2,985.00	2,985.00
Program Activity Expense		
Certificates and Training	20.00	20.00
Meals & Food Pantry	6,667.40	6,667.40
Rentals	215.72	215.72
Special Events Expense	49.98	49.98
Thanksgiving Luncheon	485.67	485.67
Toy Shopping Spree	173.64	173.64
Transportation	1,127.79	1,127.79
Turkey Giveaway	1,667.96	1,667.96
Program Activity Expense - Other	1,815.31	1,815.31
Total Program Activity Expense	12,223.47	12,223.47
Program Subcontractors		
Monique Tavares	100.00	100.00
Rosa Johnson	50.00	50.00
Theresa Dixon	50.00	50.00
Program Subcontractors - Other	925.00	925.00
Total Program Subcontractors	1,125.00	1,125.00
Reimbursement	2,674.14	2,674.14

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Accrual Basis

Community Enhancement Collaboration, Inc.
Statement of Financial Income and Expense
January through December 2014

	Unclassified	TOTAL
Travel and Meetings		
Automobile Expense	1,099.47	1,099.47
Travel and Meetings - Other	119.46	119.46
Total Travel and Meetings	1,218.93	1,218.93
Expense - Other	1,643.59	1,643.59
Total Expense	37,663.68	37,663.68
Total Expense	37,663.68	37,663.68
Net Ordinary Income	-1,761.60	-1,761.60
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Refund	420.72	420.72
Total Other Income	420.72	420.72
Net Other Income	420.72	420.72
Net Income	-1,340.88	-1,340.88

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date:

MAR 21 2005

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COLLABORATION
INC
C/O NADINE MCCREA
5625 MAYO ST
HOLLYWOOD, FL 33023

Employer Identification Number:
74-3116992

DLN:

17053237070024

Contact Person:

RENEE RAILEY NORTON

ID# 31172

Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:
DECEMBER 31

Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Form 990 Required:
YES

Effective Date of Exemption:
JANUARY 14, 2004

Contribution Deductibility:
YES

Advance Ruling Ending Date:
DECEMBER 31, 2008

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. During your advance ruling period, you will be treated as a public charity. Your advance ruling period begins with the effective date of your exemption and ends with advance ruling ending date shown in the heading of the letter.

Shortly before the end of your advance ruling period, we will send you Form 8734, Support Schedule for Advance Ruling Period. You will have 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period to return the completed form. We will then notify you, in writing, about your public charity status.

Please see enclosed Information for Exempt Organizations Under Section 501(c)(3) for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

If you distribute funds to individuals, you should keep case histories showing the recipient's name and address; the purpose of the award; the manner of selection; and the relationship of the recipient to any of your officers,

Letter 1045 (DO/CG)



Consumer's Certificate of Exemption

Issued Pursuant to Chapter 212, Florida Statutes

DR-14
R. 04/05
07/23/10

85-8013413034C-2	09/30/2010	09/30/2015	501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION
Certificate Number	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Exemption Category

This certifies that

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT
COLLABORATION INC
5625 MAYO ST
HOLLYWOOD FL 33023-2327

is exempt from the payment of Florida sales and use tax on real property rented, transient rental property rented, tangible personal property purchased or rented, or services purchased.



Important Information for Exempt Organizations

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1. You must provide all vendors and suppliers with an exemption certificate before making tax-exempt purchases. See Rule 12A-1.038, Florida Administrative Code (FAC).
2. Your *Consumer's Certificate of Exemption* is to be used solely by your organization for your organization's customary nonprofit activities.
3. Purchases made by an individual on behalf of the organization are taxable, even if the individual will be reimbursed by the organization.
4. This exemption applies only to purchases your organization makes. The sale or lease to others by your organization of tangible personal property, sleeping accommodations or other real property is taxable. Your organization must register, and collect and remit sales and use tax on such taxable transactions. Note: Churches are exempt from this requirement except when they are the lessor of real property (Rule 12A-1.070, FAC).
5. It is a criminal offense to fraudulently present this certificate to evade the payment of sales tax. Under no circumstances should this certificate be used for the personal benefit of any individual. Violators will be liable for payment of the sales tax plus a penalty of 200% of the tax, and may be subject to conviction of a third degree felony. Any violation will necessitate the revocation of this certificate.
6. If you have questions regarding your exemption certificate, please contact the Exemption Unit of Central Registration at 850-487-4130. The mailing address is PO BOX 6480, Tallahassee, FL 32314-6480.

Community Enhancement Collaboration

FY 2014 Budget

REVENUE		
	GRANTS	\$20,000.00
	INDIVIDUAL DONORS	\$4,000.00
	FUNDRAISING EVENTS	\$5,000.00
	BACK TO SCHOOL DONATIONS	\$1,500.00
	FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS	\$5,000.00
	TURKEY GIVEAWAY DONATIONS	\$2,000.00
	TOY GIVEAWAY DONATIONS	\$2,000.00
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$39,500.00
EXPENSES		
	OPERATIONS	
	Insurance	\$1,175.00
	Van Insurance	\$1,400.00
	Internet-Cable	\$2,500.00
	Licenses and Fees	\$80.00
	Office Expenses & Supplies	\$1,125.00
	Printing & Copying	\$3,000.00
	Signs & Banners	\$75.00
	Website	\$250.00
	Operations-Other	\$150.00
	TOTAL OPERATIONS	\$9,755.00
	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	
	Accounting Fees	\$1,000.00
	Marketing	\$1,000.00
	TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$2,000.00
	FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT	
	Building Main. And Repairs	\$150.00
	Storage	\$1,250.00
	Facilities and Equipment- Other	\$50.00
	TOTAL FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT	\$1,450.00
	PROGRAM ACTIVITY EXPENSE	
	Meals & Food Pantry	\$5,750.00
	Back To School Event	\$1,500.00
	Turkey Giveaway	\$5,000.00
	Toy Giveaway	\$5,000.00
	Special Events Expense	\$1,250.00
	Transportation	\$1,200.00
	Rentals	\$350.00
	Program Activity Expense- Other	\$1,000.00
	TOTAL PROGRAM ACTIVITY EXPENSE	\$21,050.00

Community Enhancement Collaboration

FY 2014 Budget

	PROGRAM SUBCONTRACTORS	\$2,000.00
	TRAVEL AND MEETINGS	
	Automobile Expense	\$1,620.00
	Meals	\$425.00
	Gas	\$1,200.00
	TOTAL TRAVEL AND MEETINGS	\$3,245.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$39,500.00

CEC 2015 BUDGET
1st Draft

REVENUE

GRANTS	\$	16,000.00
INDIVIDUAL DONORS	\$	10,000.00
FUNDRAISING EVENTS	\$	6,055.00
BACK TO SCHOOL DONATIONS	\$	5,000.00
FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS	\$	2,500.00
TURKEY GIVEAWAY DONATIONS	\$	5,000.00
TOY GIVEAWAY DONATIONS	\$	5,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	49,555.00

EXPENSES

OPERATIONS

Insurance	\$	1,175.00
Van Insurance	\$	1,620.00
Internet-Cable	\$	2,640.00
Licenses and Fees	\$	100.00
Office Expenses & Supplies	\$	1,200.00
Printing & Copying	\$	1,750.00
Signs & Banners	\$	100.00
Website	\$	250.00
Operations-Other	\$	250.00
TOTAL OPERATIONS	\$	9,085.00

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Accounting Fees	\$	1,000.00
Marketing	\$	1,000.00
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$	2,000.00

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

Building Main. And Repairs	\$	200.00
Storage	\$	900.00
Facilities and Equipment- Other	\$	100.00
TOTAL FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT	\$	1,200.00

PROGRAM ACTIVITY EXPENSE

Meals & Food Pantry	\$	2,500.00
Back To School Event	\$	5,000.00
Turkey Giveaway	\$	5,000.00
Toy Giveaway	\$	5,000.00
After-School Program	\$	12,000.00
Special Events Expense	\$	1,000.00
Rentals	\$	350.00
Program Activity Expense- Other	\$	1,000.00
TOTAL PROGRAM ACTIVITY EXPENSE	\$	31,850.00

PROGRAM SUBCONTRACTORS	\$	2,000.00
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CEC 2015 BUDGET

1st Draft

TRAVEL AND MEETINGS

Automobile Expense	\$	1,620.00
Meals	\$	600.00
Gas	\$	1,200.00
TOTAL TRAVEL AND MEETINGS	\$	3,420.00

TOTAL EXPENSE	\$	49,555.00
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April 14, 2015

Ms. Nadine McCrea
Founder/President
Community Enhancement Collaboration, Inc.
Washington Park Service Center
5648 Wiley Street
Hollywood, FL 33021

RE: City of Hollywood Police Department Grant

Dear Ms. McCrea:

The GFWC Hollywood Women's Club is proud of our association with the Community Enhancement Collaboration, Inc. As a fellow 501(c)(3) organization in Hollywood, we have worked together over the years, providing donations and volunteers to support your community programs. You have always generously reciprocated with volunteer support for our fundraising initiatives.

The efforts of the Community Enhancement Collaboration benefit so many people in the Washington Park area. You have touched many lives with your dedication and service and your continuing efforts to make a difference in our Community. We look forward to continuing our partnership and wish you every success in your pursuit of grant funding to continue your good work, serving youth, seniors and families in need.

Regards,

Isabel Wise
President
GFWC Hollywood Women's Club



5648 Wiley Street, Hollywood, FL 33023 Office 954.987.0625 Fax: 954.987.8625

April 26, 2015

Frank G. Fernandez, Chief of Police
Hollywood Police Department
3250 Hollywood Blvd.
Hollywood, FL 33021-6967

Dear Chief Fernandez,

On behalf of the Washington Park Homeowners Association Board of Director and members, please accept our sincere thanks for your support of our community. The Hollywood Police Department support over the years has helped our efforts.

Please accept this letter in support of Community Enhancement Collaboration seeking the Hollywood Police Distribution of FY2015 Law Enforcement Trust Funds (LETF). As you know that the Hollywood Police Department uses community policing to proactively address public safety. The Washington Park Homeowners Association under the leadership of Nadine McCrea, has always worked hand in hand with the Hollywood Police Department on public issues and improving the quality of life for Hollywood's residents as a whole city.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Dennis at 954.987.0625.

With much thanks and appreciation,


Nadine McCrea, President


Dennis Corbett, Vice President



Main Warehouse | 954.518.1818
2501 SW 32nd Terrace - Pembroke Park, FL 33023

Palm Beach County Warehouse | 561.659.5070
426 Claremore Drive - West Palm Beach, FL 33401



April 13, 2015

Hollywood Police Department
Hollywood, FL

Dear Hollywood Police Department,

We write to support the efforts Community Enhancement Collaborative (CEC) located in Hollywood in pursuing funds for three community programs currently serving youths, seniors and families in need. CEC has been an active member of the Feeding South Florida network for many years serving food insecure families in Hollywood. They are a significant partner in our mission to end hunger in South Florida. Any assistance extended to them would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles Woods".

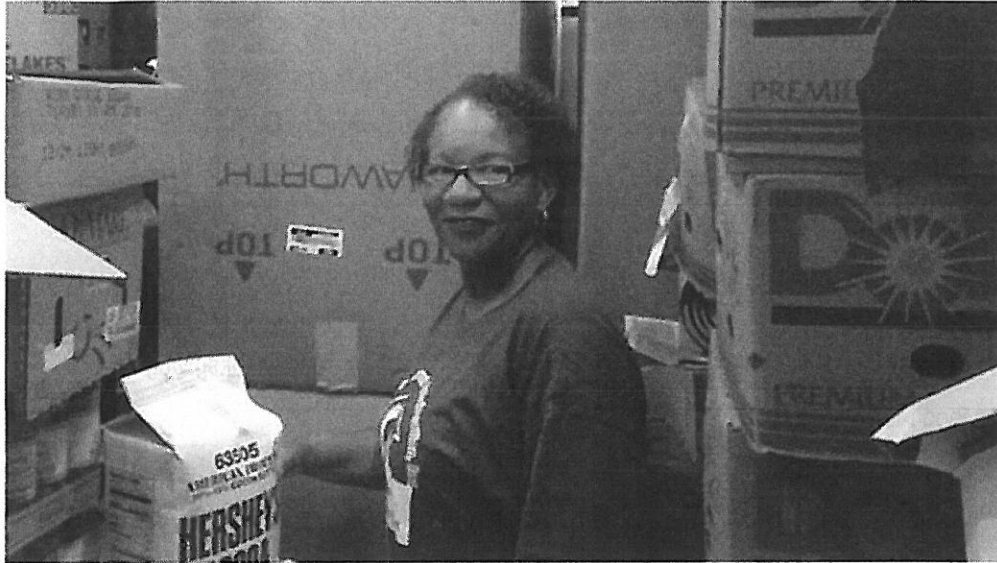
Charles Woods
Distribution Manager

One paragraph resumes of key staff, including qualifications relevant to the specific request.

Lesha McSwain, Special Education Coordinator, holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Nova Southeastern University. Lesha McSwain has experience working with students and was responsible for planning and implementing lessons in Science Social Studies, Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. Led classroom discussions, prepared and administered exams. Assume all responsibilities of a classroom teacher, including professional development, communications with parents, assessments of students and staff meetings. Collaborate with cooperating teachers to design curriculum and lessons plans, perform basic administrative duties, such as recording attendance and organizing. Volunteer for Community Enhancement Collaboration for 2 years.

Monique Tavares, Program/Data Coordinator attended Florida International University earning 120 credits towards Bachelors of Science in Communications. Presently serves as an office assistant. Duties include clerical work, reception, preparing letters for the board of directors, updating gate access databases, keeping an up to date schedule of all appointments and the calendar for the use of the clubhouse facility, and assist the office manager as needed. Monique Tavares presently volunteer as a tutor working with students on math, reading, and writing (Grade level 2-5). Three years (2012-present) board of directors Secretary for Broward Community and Family Health Centers, 4 years (2011-present) at Community Enhancement Collaboration, serving as a volunteer.

Group has a long history of serving others



Nadine McCrea stands before donated food in Community Enhancement Collaboration's storage facility. (Photo by Sara Shell)

By Sara Shell Forum Publishing Group [contact the reporter](#)

Group offers food bank, employment help, holiday events and more

Nadine McCrea saw many people in need in her community — and was determined to help.

More than 30 years later, she's still doing so through Community Enhancement Collaboration, the nonprofit she started in her home. The group, based in Hollywood's Washington Park community, serves more than 9,600 families and collects more than 258,000 pounds of food a year, she said.

"I knew there was a need," McCrea said. "I wanted to give people a safe haven."

She is especially proud of the CEC food bank, which is open Wednesdays and Fridays. With donations from Feeding South Florida, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and local grocers like Winn-Dixie and Publix, CEC volunteers sort through the items and create a supermarket atmosphere for clients.

"No matter what, [the clients] are able to pick out what they want to eat," McCrea said. "That helps us eliminate wasted food."

Group helps brighten the holidays

By **Sara Shell** Forum Publishing Group **contact the reporter**

- [Thanksgiving](#)

Hollywood group hands out turkeys, plans decoration and toy drive

The line snaked through a Hollywood Bank of America parking lot for the second annual [Thanksgiving](#) turkey distribution hosted by Community Enhancement Collaboration.

"This is a need," said CEC president Nadine McCrea. "Many families cannot afford a complete Thanksgiving dinner. We've pulled together our volunteers and sponsors to be able to give them that meal."

More than 50,000 pounds of food, which included a turkey and all the Thanksgiving fixings, was given out to nearly 1,000 registered residents and walk-ups. McCrea said this year's turnout was up from the 600 last year.

Sponsors and supporters like Feeding South Florida, EZCorp and the Hollywood Women's Club helped volunteers and the CEC distribute the food.

"The CEC does so much good for the community," said EZCorp's Victor Rosado. "This is great to be able to come and help Nadine and her team. It just feels good to help those that really need the help. We take for granted being able to go out and buy a turkey."

So many people turned out that the line had to be cut off, but McCrea promised that they could come to the Washington Park food pantry the following Monday to get groceries for Thanksgiving.

"We know the need is there, and we never turn anyone away," she said. "A lot of these people, we know personally."

The distribution was the last of two CEC pre-Thanksgiving events. Earlier in the week, about 600 people came out for the 15th annual Thanksgiving Harvest Feast at the Washington Park Community Center.

EDUCATION IN HOLLYWOOD ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE



GRANT HELPS SHERIDAN PARK ELEMENTARY UPGRADE SCHOOL GARDEN

Two veteran teachers wanted to upgrade the school's outside areas and expand the S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) garden beds, so they applied for and were awarded a \$4,330 Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant. With the funding in place, art teacher Heather Gonzalez and Media Specialist Janet Jones, sought volunteers and community partners to do the work this fall. With the help

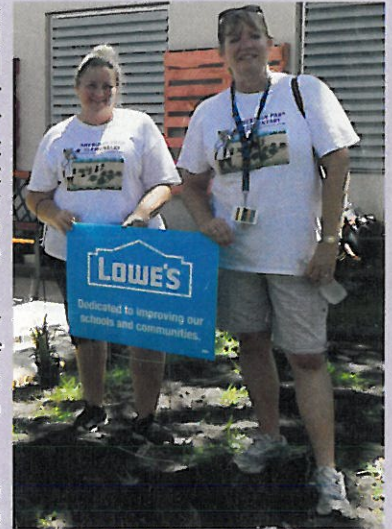
of Lowe's and Yo roofing, volunteers created a reading garden and added five more planter boxes around the school for each grade level.

"Our workday to implement the Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant was a huge success," says Gonzalez. "We are committed to our profession and want to enrich the lives of children who may never have access to gardens or planting. Our curriculum infuses more science-based content to have students make real-world connections from art to our gardens, as well as literature to nature."



Volunteers and teachers install new planter beds.

This isn't the first time these two teachers have sought innovative ways to enhance student education. The two joined with a third teacher from the school, Ashley Schrader, to apply for and be awarded a City of Hollywood Broward Education Foundation Teacher Grant for 2015. Their project is titled "We are a Flutter about Spring!" They'll be focusing on Eric Carle stories that relate to S.T.E.A.M. and doing a play with 1st and 2nd grade students.



Art teacher Heather Gonzalez and Media Specialist Janet Jones stand in the school's new reading garden.

Thanksgiving Dinner Arrives Early to Washington Park 15th Annual Thanksgiving Harvest Fest



Volunteers donned colorful aprons to serve residents who came out for CEC's annual Harvest Fest.

Overflowing plates of turkey, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie make up a traditional Thanksgiving feast. Hollywood Mayor Peter Bober and City officials, community leaders and residents recently gathered to share a traditional holiday meal and give gifts to seniors, toddlers and homeless individuals.

This is the 15th year Community Enhancement Collaboration, Inc. (CEC) and its partners have generously held the Harvest Fest. The Washington Park event feeds upwards of 1,000 people a free, traditional meal that features an array of dishes like turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, yellow rice, collard greens, macaroni & cheese, southern cornbread, cakes and pies. To find out more about CEC, go to www.cecwashpark.org or call 954.987.0625.