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ANNUAL REPORT

2008—2009

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July 28, 2009

Dear ENLA membership and esteemed colleagues,

On behalf of the entire ENLA Board it is my pleasure to present the 2008– 2009 Annual Report.

2008–2009 was a year that saw the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves grow substantially, a year that was challenging to many communities across the country. Now more than ever we can not stress enough how important the strengthening and empowering of our ENLA communities and family is.

As a Board we vowed to set much needed goals and expectations, to write a new strategic plan which could be implemented immediately. To completely re write our bylaws and have them reflect not just the Los Angeles County VOAD we are but what we need to be with the changing times ahead.

This has been a pivotal year in ENLA's history, all we had set out to achieve has either been achieved or is underway, we look forward to the coming years for further growth and I would personally like to invite you to embrace this dynamic "new ENLA", please help us achieve all we dare to dream is possible.

Lets us all be optimistic in the face of so much uncertainty.

"Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier" (Colin Powell, 1937–)

Golden Guardian

ENLA presented a workshop for the planning and design team and other board members on how to prepare for the annual region-wide Golden Guardian Emergency Response Exercise. The membership meeting and community training on emergency preparedness and the Golden Guardian Exercise was attended by 79 people. The board and staff designed, conducted and evaluated a Golden Guardian exercise held in conjunction with the County's Golden Guardian exercise and Southern California Shakeout drill. The board established and implemented organizational protocols for setting up an Emergency Operation Center (EOC), and lines of communications with county officials.

PHFE Support Project

Through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health was able to fund two staffing positions, a Program Director (Deborah Robinson, MBA, Ph.D.) and a Project Coordinator (David Miller, MPA) for one year. Staffing was administered by Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc.

The primary goal of the ENLA Support Project was to increase the capacity of Los Angeles County CBOs/FBOs and to effectively support countywide efforts to prepare, respond to and recover from an influenza pandemic and other emergencies. The project also focused on facilitating greater and more effective interaction among CBOs/FBOs in Los Angeles County, and between them and existing emergency management agencies within the county.

The specific grant objectives were:

Objective 1: Increase ENLA's capacity to organize and coordinate emergency preparedness efforts of LA County CBOs/FBOs.

Objective 2: Increase ENLA membership and participation.

Objective 3: Standardize emergency preparedness and response training, information and resources of ENLA member CBOs/FBOs.

Objective 4: Conduct an assessment of special needs populations in LA County and the ability of

county CBOs/FBOs to assist special needs consumers.

Membership Survey: Key Findings on Training Needs

- Most frequent training requests: basic emergency preparedness; writing continuity plans; and organizing effective drills.
- The kind of training needed differed depending on experience of an organization.
- Less experienced organizations wanted a wider variety of training, while more experienced organizations desired only one or two of the training options.
- 80% of the less experienced organizations requested basic emergency preparedness training.

ENLA's New Strategic Plan

We have two over-arching goals; first, to ensure shelter, food, and other needed goods and services are provided as efficiently as possible during and following a disaster; and second, to provide education and training in disaster preparation, response and recovery in the most effective manner. We have evaluated our strengths and learned from our experience. As a result, over the next three years, in order to meet our goals, we have decided to focus our efforts on three areas of organizational competence; expanding our membership and reach to underserved areas and vulnerable populations of Los Angeles County; creating an internal structure that can effectively pursue ENLA's mission with or without staff; and making ENLA more responsive to its members, particularly members serving vulnerable populations.

We remain committed to acting as a liaison between CBOs, FBOs, the private sector and governmental agencies before, during and after a disaster or emergency.

Strategic Plan Implementation

1. Goal: To ensure better preparation, response and recovery to disasters and emergencies throughout Los Angeles County.

Subgoal: to expand efforts in underserved portions and populations of Los Angeles County.

Subgoal: to grow the membership to enhance capacity to respond in a disaster.

Subgoal: To ensure smooth operations and cooperation with government and other agencies before, during and after a disaster or emergency.

2. Goal: To maximize responsiveness to member organizations

3. Goal: To ensure the continued effective operation of ENLA

Finally, ENLA has made a commitment to consistently support Southern California VOAD (SCVOAD) by our participation as Secretary of the group. We are pleased to provide this needed support and look forward to help SCVOAD progress in its mission of connecting the Southern California local VOADs.

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Financial Statement for Fiscal Year
July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Revenue

Membership Fees	\$ 3,935
Donations	1,253
Grants	<u>7,953</u>

Total Revenue **\$ 13,141**

Expenses

Newsletters	\$ 2,256
Membership Meetings	553
National VOAD Conference	996
Board Expenses	35
D&O Insurance	877
PHFE Grant Consultant	7,000
Telephone	500
Bank Charges	44
Office Supplies	730
Other/Misc.	147

Total Expenses **\$ 13,138**

Net Assets, Beginning of Year **\$ 3,121**

Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets **3**

Net Assets, End of Year **\$ 3,124**

ENLA Leadership (2008-2009)

Board of Director Officers

Red Godfrey, Chair
American Red Cross

Alix Stayton, Vice Chair
Operation HOPE, Inc.

Debra Boudreaux, Secretary
Buddhist Tzu Chi Free Clinic

Julio Puchalt, Treasurer
211 LA County

Board of Directors Members

Voting Board Members

**California Southern Baptist Convention
Disaster Relief**
Chuck Erickson
Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc.
Ron Lopez
Faithful Central Bible Church
Rev. Jacquelyn Russell
LA Regional Food Bank
Jeff Dronkers
Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest
Tempie Beaman
Salvation Army – SoCal Division
June Loo
United Way - Los Angeles
Volunteer Center of Los Angeles
Katharyn Muniz-Bandoni

Associate Board Members

LA City - Department of Animal Services
Capt. Karen Knipscheer-Cox
LA City - Emergency Management Department
Keith Garcia
LA County - Dept. of Public Health
Alonzo Plough
LA County - Dept. of Public Social Services
John Cvjetkovic
LA County - Office of Emergency Management
Anne-Maria Tafoya



ENLA Member Organizations

All Peoples Christian Church
American Asian Pacific Ministries, Inc.
ARES - LAX
Cal Pac Conference of the United Methodists - St. Paul's
Cal Pac Conference of United Methodist Church
Calvary Chapel Burbank, Inc.
Center for Community and Family Services
Chabad Israel Center
Children's Hunger Fund
Christian Reformed World Relief Committee
Christians United Responding to Emergencies (C.U.R.E)
Community Outreach Promoting Emergency Preparedness
Covenant House
Didi Hirsch Psychiatric Services
Families In New Directions (FIND)
Filipino American Service Group, Inc.
Foothill Transit
Homeless Healthcare Los Angeles
Hope Again
House of Praise
Humane Society of the United States
IHELP - Church of Scientology
Immanuel Presbyterian Church
LA Neighborhood Housing Services
LA Regional Food Bank
Lifeway Church
Manhattan Beach CERT Association
National Council of Jewish Women Los Angeles
Neighborhood Legal Services
Noah's Wish
Operation USA
Optimist Boys' Home & Ranch
Shelter Partnership
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) - LA
Society of St. Vincent DePaul
Southern California Conference of Seventh- Day Adventists
Southern California Ecumenical Council
Sunrise Community Counseling Center
Topanga Coalition for Emergency Response (TCEP)
West Angeles Church of God in Christ
Westside Food Bank
