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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 28, 2016

DATE: June 8, 2016
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Mary Herzik, Family Services Manager
(775) 328-3299, mary.herzik@washoecourts.us
THROUGH: Jackie Bryant, District Court Administrator and Clerk of Court
(775) 328-3119, Jackie.Bryant@washoecourts.us

SUBJECT: Accept a bequest of [\$56,171.99] from the estate of Philip Dare aka Philip Dare, Deceased to Family Services, CASA, a program of the Second Judicial District Court, and if approved, authorize the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The CASA Program of the Family Services Division of the Second Judicial District Court (Court) has received funds totaling \$56,171.99 from the Estate of Mr. Phillip Dare aka Philip Dare, Deceased. Mr. Dare was a long time resident of Zephyr Cove, Douglas County, Nevada according to the Executor of the Estate, Mr. Gordon R. Muir, Esq. of Hawkins, Folsom & Muir. The Executor of Mr. Dare's estate, through his legal counsel, David J. Gamble Jr., contacted the District Court in September 2015 regarding this distribution to the CASA Program within the Family Services Division of the Court. This bequest will be used to expand and strengthen volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children under the jurisdiction of the Court who are in need of a safe, permanent home.

County Priority supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None.

BACKGROUND

CASA or Court Appointed Special Advocates is an organization of volunteer advocates who speak up for abused and neglected children in court and help them achieve the goal of a safe, permanent home. The CASA Program of the Second Judicial District Court started in 1989 and is part of a national network of 979 state and local CASA programs operating in 49 states. These programs recruit and train community volunteers to be independent fact finders for the Court and to speak up for the best interests of abused and neglected children under the Court's jurisdiction. In a typical year, more than 900 children in Washoe County go through the juvenile court system because their family is

in crisis. The presence of a trained advocate who works directly with all the parties to make sure that the best interests of the child are at the center of decision-making ensures the Court has the most important and up to date information about the child. In 2015, 212 children who were involved in the juvenile court system in Washoe County had a CASA appointed to their case, far short of the goal of a CASA volunteer for every abused and neglected child. To ensure more children in Washoe County have the benefit of a CASA volunteer, the bequest from the estate of Mr. Philip Dare will be used to train more volunteers, expand the volunteer base to reflect the diversity and makeup of children in the system and create a greater awareness of the needs of abused and neglected children in our community.

FISCAL IMPACT

This bequest to Family Services, CASA has been deposited to Internal Order 20415.

Increase Revenues:

20415-484195 - \$56,171.99

Increase Expenditures:

20415-710100 - \$50,000

20415-710509 - \$6,171.99

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners accept a bequest of [\$56,171.99] from the Estate of Philip Dare aka Philip Dare, Deceased to Family Services, CASA, a program of the Second Judicial District Court, and if approved, authorize the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts)

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: Move to accept a bequest of [\$56,171.99] from the Estate of Philip Dare aka Philip Dare, Deceased to Family Services, CASA, a program of the Second Judicial District Court, and if approved, authorize the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts)

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September 2, 2015

Corrected letter.
(Replaces 8/31/15 letter)
We apologize for any
inconvenience the
error may have caused.

FAMILY SERVICES, CASA
75 Court Street, Suite 214-A
Reno, NV 89501

Re: Estate of Philip Dare, aka Phillip Dare, Deceased

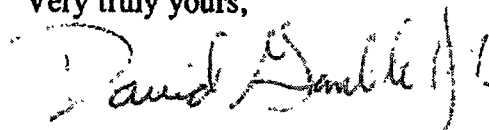
To Whom It May Concern:

As you know, we are attorneys who represent the Executor in the above-referenced estate matter. In accordance with the enclosed copy of the Order Confirming and Approving Sale of Real Property and Authorizing Partial Distribution entered on August 10, 2015, the Executor is authorized to make a partial distribution of cash in an amount of up to \$50,000.00 to each of the charitable beneficiaries of the estate. Accordingly, we are preparing to distribute the sum of \$45,000.00 to Family Services, Casa. Presently, we estimate that this partial distribution will represent over eighty percent (80%) of the total distribution you are to receive from the estate. We are hoping to petition the court for final distribution prior to the end of the year.

To confirm your identity as the correct recipient, and to otherwise assist us in making the required distributions from the estate, would you please complete and sign the enclosed Form W-9, and return the same to our office in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope, together with a copy of your letter from the Internal Revenue Service confirming your tax-exempt status. As soon as we receive these documents from you, we will proceed to make the \$45,000.00 partial distribution.

Please feel free to call or otherwise contact us if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



DAVID J. GAMBLE, JR.

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October 15, 2015

Family Services CASA
Second Judicial District Court
ATTN: Mary D. Herzik
75 Court Street, Suite 214-A
Reno, NV 89501

Re: Estate of Philip Dare, aka Phillip Dare, Deceased

Dear Ms. Herzik:

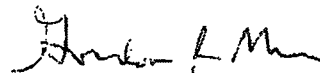
We are in receipt of your substitute Form W-9. Accordingly, pursuant to the Order Confirming and Approving Sale of Real Property and Authorizing Partial Distribution entered on August 10, 2015, and consistent with our recent letter to you, we are now enclosing a check made payable as a partial distribution to Family Services CASA in the amount of \$45,000.00.

We hope to complete the final distribution by the end of the year.

Please complete and sign the enclosed *Distributee's Receipt*, and then return it to our office at your soonest convenience in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



GORDON R. MUIR, ESQ.

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March 7, 2016

FAMILY SERVICES, CASA

Attn: Mary D. Herzik

75 Court Street, Suite 214-A

Reno, NV 89501

Re: Estate of Philip Dare, aka Phillip Dare, Deceased

Dear Ms. Herzik:

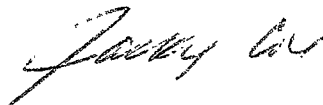
As you are aware, we made a partial distribution to Family Services, CASA in the amount of \$45,000.00 in October, 2015.

Pursuant to the *Order Approving First and Final Account, Confirming Sale of Personal Property, Approving Fees and Costs, and Decree of Final Distribution*, entered by the Court on February 29, 2016, enclosed, please find a check in the amount of \$11,171.99 as an additional distribution to Family Services, CASA. Please note the Court ordered \$10,000.00 to be kept in reserve until all tax matters are settled, so there will be another distribution of a proportionate share of the residue of the reserve.

Please complete and sign the enclosed *Distributee's Receipt*, and then return it to our office at your earliest convenience in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



JACLYN R. COLE, ESQ.

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