

St. Leo Parish Social Justice Updates

**Social Justice is NOT things to do but how you live your life, relate to others
&
Care for God's Creation**

Emergency Services October 2022 Financial Report:

Monthly Income: \$5,286.46

Expenses:

Rent:	\$ 2,774.00
Pierce Transit:	\$ 396.95
Utility Assist:	\$ 867.46
DOL:	\$ 54.00
AIDNW Food:	\$ 192.08
Medical Rx:	\$ 230.46
Auto:	\$ 294.13
Furniture Assist:	\$ 225.00
Legal Doc Filing::	\$ 25.00
Homeless Assist:	\$ 296.17
Peace Luth Community Meal:	\$ 111.59
Orca Transit:	\$ 209.00
Assist Client with moving costs:	\$ 360.00
Work/Ed Assist:	\$ 130.00
Assist in cost of client care giver:	\$ 200.00

Total Monthly Expenses: \$ 6,365.84

Monthly Bal: (1,079.38)

Balance in the account as of November 1, 2022, was: \$ 7,258.05. PEX debit card balance is: \$ 454.53

Beginning next month, December 2022 we will be tracking monthly spending with a goal to not exceed monthly income. We still have some reserves in the account so as to respond extreme situational need of those who come to us for help. However, we understand that our program has real limits.

Thanks so much for your continued support of St. Leo Supportive Social Services. We are doing our best to meet the needs of others while being mindful of our role as stewards of the gifts given to us!

Farm Bill 2023: Advocating for Legislation that meets the needs of the most vulnerable and our Planet

Below is a DRAFT Advocacy Letter that I will be bringing to our 1st meeting on the farm bill on Sunday November 20th. I am sure that there will be changes, but I hope we will have a finished letter to be sent to our Congressional Representative within the next 2 months. On this advocacy effort we will

be partnering with the Washington State Catholic Conference.

Dear (Congress Person),

I am writing you regarding the re-authorization of the United States Farm Bill, 2023. As a nation, we are at an inflection point in how we conduct food production processes and address food security in light of global warming and a destabilized/frigid global food systems. A resilient, nimble and equitable U. S agricultural system is needed to address the challenges we face as a nation and as a reliable global partner in international food security.

We urge you to support elements or new legislative farm bill components that will:

1. Support a robust national food security infrastructure
2. Invest in research and development in support of sustainable agriculture practices in light of global warming and ecosystem degradation
3. Promote international food aid to counteract food insecurity caused by global conflict and global warming

Support a strong Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) in the re-authorized farm bill.

SNAP is this nation's food security "bedrock" for low-income families and children

It is an income generator for all participants of the food chain from farmer/ranchers to distributors and store clerks.

SNAP benefits both rural and urban communities from coast to coast

Support Title 5: Empower farmers and ranchers of the 21st Century with what they need!!!

Financially support Regenerative Agriculture, and soil health education and training. Help make advanced and sustainable agricultural practices available to all farmers and rancher by incentivising this needed transition in agricultural practices.

International Food Assistance: In light of global warming and international conflicts, food security is in jeopardy.

- Reauthorize the following international food aid programs:
- Reauthorize Title 2 – Food for Peace
- Reauthorize the Mc Govern-Dole Food for Education Program
- Reauthorize Food for Program
- Reauthorize Farmer to Farmer

We must act boldly now to preserve food security at home and abroad. We must be creative and forward-thinking in land use and ecological preservation.

Please act with clear vision and wisdom in the re-authorization of the 2023/2024 U. S. Farm Bill.

Most sincerely yours,