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MEMORANDUM City Manager – Council Memo No. MC08-04

DATE: January 8, 2008

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

THRU: W. MARK PENTZ, CITY MANAGER *WMP*

FROM: KYSA MEYERER, MANAGEMENT INTERN *KMM*

SUBJECT: A NEW LEAF CONTRIBUTION

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the fiscal year 2007-2008 contribution to A New Leaf for services to the City's population of adult homeless men in the amount of \$45,000.

BACKGROUND: A New Leaf (formerly the Mesa Community Action Network, or MesaCAN) provides services for the City of Chandler's homeless men through the East Valley Men's Center (EVMC). The City has been providing financial support for this program since fiscal year 2002-2003.

DISCUSSION: The East Valley Men's Center provides training, work assistance, counseling, food and shelter for up to 84 adult homeless men each of whom has committed to re-entering the economic and social mainstream. The EVMC's goal for each resident is permanent employment at a decent wage, stable housing and increased self-sufficiency skills.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Funds for this contribution will be from Account No. 101-1290-5219.

PROPOSED MOTION: Move to approve payment of FY 2007-2008 contribution to Mesa Community Action Network in the amount of \$45,000.



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Mr. Pat McDermott, Assistant City Manager
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Dear Mr. McDermott:

On behalf of MesaCAN, A New Leaf (formerly PREHAB of Arizona, Inc.) is submitting this request for the City of Chandler's general operating revenue contribution toward the East Valley Men's Center, the regional facility serving homeless men. MesaCAN, including the East Valley Men's Center merged with A New Leaf in November 2006.

As you know, the City of Chandler has been an ongoing and significant partner in the EVMC. As always, we cannot thank you, the citizens of the city, city staff and Chandler's elected leadership enough for this support and commitment to the program. EVMC staff continues to work with the Chandler PD in outreach efforts to identify and encourage men to enroll in the program and work at recovering their lives.

Your consideration of our funding request for \$45,000 for fiscal year 2007-2008 is deeply appreciated. Please accept my personal thanks to you and the City of Chandler staff with whom we work to ensure the viability of this important regional service.

Sincerely,


Michael T. Hughes
CEO

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