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***GUIDELINES FOR SOLICITING FINANCIAL AID FROM  
THE HARVEST OF HOPE FOUNDATION***

Dear Friend:

I run the Harvest of Hope Foundation which distributes emergency and educational financial aid to migrant farmworkers and families across the country. Since its establishment in 1997, Harvest of Hope has distributed hundreds of thousands of dollars for car repairs due to breakdowns, gas, tires, housing, rent, utilities, medical services, food, clothing, funeral expenses and scholarships to children of migrant farmworkers attending college.

The following guidelines will assist you and me to help migrant farmworkers and families in need.

- 1) Before contacting me, please attempt to secure other resources. Since Harvest of Hope gets so many requests for aid, think of the foundation as a last resort when resources are limited or not available at all.
- 2) Harvest of Hope prefers to help those workers or families who are currently migratory, but we will help those who have migrant farmwork experience but who are not currently moving.
- 3) Please contact me first. Do NOT give out the foundation phone number (352-372-1312 or 888.922.4673) to migrant farmworkers or families unless it is a dire emergency. I prefer to work first with you or other migrant advocates and personnel so I can get a clearer picture of the families' needs.
- 4) As much information that you can provide to me will be of great assistance. Please ascertain the worker's or family's employment and financial situation. For example, why did he/she or they fall behind on their utility bill?
- 5) Concerning utility or water bills, please have all the pertinent information from the bill for me – name and address on the account, account number, name of company and phone number.
- 6) It is important for both of us to know if the worker or family has done anything to help themselves or are they willing to help themselves? For example, have they contacted any churches or agencies for help? How much do they have to chip in towards a bill?
- 7) If you suspect that a worker or family is not being honest, talk to me.
- 8) Harvest of Hope assists migrant workers and their families regardless of their legal status.

- 9) Since the foundation is dependent on donations, there may be occasions when Harvest of Hope is out of general emergency funds due to donations not keeping up with the amount of requests for aid.

I hope these guidelines are helpful. If you have any questions please feel free to call me or email me at [kellerhope@cox.net](mailto:kellerhope@cox.net). Also visit our web-site at [www.harvestofhope.net](http://www.harvestofhope.net).

**Sincerely,**

**Philip Kellerman, President**