

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Mayor & Council

AGENDA DATE: 2.13.24

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Representative Cassandra Hernandez ~ 915.212.0003

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL

Goal 3 - Promote the Visual Image of El Paso

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? **OR AUTHORIZE** the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and action to approve a resolution that recognizes and commends Wilbur "Bookie" Coleman III and his mother, Cheree Coleman for their significant efforts to provide aid during the pandemic and for feeding the hungry through their non-profit, "Bookie and Mommy's Helping Hand".

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

During the pandemic in 2020, "Bookie" Coleman began collecting disinfectant spray, wipes and hand sanitizer to distribute 100 care packages to essential workers and to donate over 283 to nonprofits organization, shelters, and restaurants around the city. Now, Bookie and his mother, Cheree Coleman run a non-profit organization called "Bookie and Mommy's Helping Hand", which feeds the unhoused in the local community. Together, they have prepared and provided over 13,000 meals to the homeless. These efforts and dedication have led to Bookie earning the El Paso's 2024 Youth Humanitarian Award, a prestigious accolade in remembrance and honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

Yes, there have been numerous resolutions recognizing outstanding individuals in the community.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, 9 year old Wilbur “Bookie” Coleman III, has a passion for helping others and for the past 3 years, he and his mother Cheree Coleman, have been putting that passion to serving El Pasoans in need; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, amidst the pandemic, Bookie began collecting disinfectant spray, wipes and hand sanitizer to create care packages for essential workers leading him to distribute 100 care packages to essential workers and to donate over 283 to nonprofits organization, shelters, and restaurants around the city.

WHEREAS, in addition to the sanitizing packages, Bookie helped disinfect the homes of 87 people who had contracted COVID-19.; and

WHEREAS, during an outing with this mother, Bookie witnessed a man holding a sign asking for food, which prompted him to ask the reason for this.

WHERE AS, in response, his mother Cheree explained what homelessness is; and

WHEREAS, after this encounter, Bookie took vested interest in feeding as many unhoused people that he could.

WHEREAS, this led to Bookie and his mother to organize a 501 (c) 3 Non -Profit Organization called “Bookie and Mommy’s Helping Hand”, which feeds the unhoused in the local community; and

WHEREAS, Bookie and his mother prepare hot meals for the homeless on Sundays called “This Is Not Your Last Supper” and again on Wednesday for “WasteLESS” Wednesday”.

WHEREAS, so far, Bookie and his mother have provided over 13,000 meals to the homeless; and

WHEREAS, these commendable efforts and dedication have led to Bookie earning the El Paso’s 2024 Youth Humanitarian Award, a prestigious accolade in remembrance and honor of Martin Luther King Jr.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Recognize and commend Wilbur “Bookie” Coleman III and his mother, Cheree Coleman for their significant efforts to provide aid during the pandemic and for feeding the hungry through their non-profit. They are prime examples of not only selfless service to the community but of kindness and empathy that makes El Paso special and the world better.

(Signatures begin on following page)

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of February, 2024.

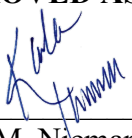
THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Karla M. Nieman
City Attorney