

Dear Bob,

As most of you know, our Club partnered with District 5320 for a \$5000 grant for the Skyview School for homeless and at risk low income students. The students served by the school live in motels or in cars and because of the transient nature of their existence, have no other appropriate educational opportunities available to them.

With this grant, we have purchased Internet services for 1 year, T-Shirts and hooded zip sweatshirts with a Skyview logo for the students in addition to polo shirts and hooded sweatshirts for the staff that will help identify all the school members during field trips (which will all remain on campus for future use), a large, deluxe Barbeque with side burner that will be used to cook food during the various family events. It will also be used to help prepare hot entrées, on occasion, to augment the cold breakfast that is served to students each day and a restocking of their hygiene and snack pantry. Often, this hygiene pantry is the only place the children can obtain soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.

Bob Grandolfo, Jill Kuli and I have worked hard on this grant along with Mary Garcia at Skyview and have selected Friday, April 11th (approx 11:30 AM) as the official 'award' date of all items. We will be cooking hot dogs on the BBQ and serving chips, sodas and cookies. The location will either be at the School or at Shaffer Park (both are in Orange near East Grove and Orange Olive Road). We would like as many VP Rotarians as possible to attend (wearing your VPRC shirts). I know Fridays (weekdays) are difficult; however the students do not attend school after hours nor on weekends.

Bob, Jill and I (and the staff and students) would be very appreciative if you would be able to donate any hygiene and/or snack items. If you don't have the time to shop, feel free to donate some cash and I will be more than happy to shop at Smart and Final for some of the very best deals I can find.

This is truly an effort that is very important. Thanks for taking the time to read this and for your consideration in attending this event and donating towards the cause. Remember that Rotary is all about 'Service above Self'.

Please contact me if you have any questions, thanks, Marianne.