

District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Rotary Club of Irvine

Project Title: Essentials for Preschool

☐ Progress Report ☒ Final Report

1. Briefly describe the project. What was done, when and where did project activities take place, and who were the beneficiaries?

This hands-on project benefited the 100 students ages 3 to 5 attending Hands Together – a Center for Child located in Santa Ana, California. Rotarians researched and purchased age appropriate art supplies (crayons, markers, watercolor paints, art paper, construction paper, scissors, pencils, pencil boxes, aprons). Small backpacks were filled with these supplies at a Social & Networking event held at James Johnson's home. Those in attendance at the Social & networking event included Rotarians, family, friends, guests and those interested in Rotary. Included with the backpacks were inspirational notes written by the attendees. In addition to the backpacks, Irvine Rotarians selected age appropriate books which were donated to the school's library. The backpacks and books were then delivered to the preschool. The original plan did include a play date, which because of scheduling problems will be postponed until summer. .

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project 30+

3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples

It was suggested by one of our members who grew up in a low income home that parents might not have financial resources to purchase simple art supplies to be used at home to inspire the creativity of their student. A small group of Rotarians met to discuss items for pre-k student backpacks and books to be donated. A list of age appropriate supplies was developed, price comparisons of various vendors, ordering, assembling of the purchased items into the backpacks for distribution.

Rotarians and prospective members had gathered at President James Johnson's home on a Saturday for a Social and Networking event, it was during this event that Rotarians, family, friends and guests filled the backpacks and wrote the inspirational notes.

A date was arranged with the director of the preschool for delivery of the donations. Books and backpacks were delivered to the preschool for distribution to the students. We had the opportunity to distribute the backpacks and interact briefly with students .

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project?

The 100 backpacks will be distributed to the students currently attending the preschool, these supplies will be used by the students and their siblings. The books donated to the school will be available to the teachers, the 100 current students, their families, and future students of the school.

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project?

Art is important in a child's development. Benefits of art in a child's development include::

- Art Stimulates Creativity and Problem-Solving Skills. ...
- Art Promotes Self-Esteem and Self-Expression. ...
- Art Contributes to Fine Motor Skill Development. ...
- Art Helps Develop Visual-Spatial Processing. ...
- Art Builds Memory and Self-Control.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?

The preschool Hands Together is located in Santa Ana, provides services to low income families, many with single parents. The school allowed Irvine Rotary to interact with staff and students, and facilitated delivery of the donated items.

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income

Amount

1. District Grant funds approved by the District	1000.00
2. Club contribution	1003.68
3. Other funding (specify)	
Total Project Income	2003.68

8. Expenditures - please be specific and add lines as needed - receipts must be attached

1. First Little Readers A-25 box set	13.29
2. My First Library box set	16.80
3. First Little Readers C-25 box set	11.59
4. Biscuit's Neighborhood box set	12.99
5. Water Color paper pad (10 count) 5@38.99	194.95
6. Water Color Paint Set (60 count) 2@45.99	91.98
7. Little Spot of Feelings box set	42.35
8. Glue sticks (60 count) 2@14.57	29.14
9. Color markers (36 count) 3@46.99	140.97
10. Pete the Cat box set	10.19
11. Pencils (200 count)	23.99
12. Drawstring backpack (100 count)	65.99
13. Crayons (36 count) 3@37.99	113.97
14. Pencil Boxes (6 count)	16.99
15. Children's aprons (100 count)	25.99
16. Water color paper pad (10 count) 5@38.99	194.95
17. Children safety scissors (100 count)	32.99
18. Pencil Boxes (12 count) 8@34.99	279.92
19. Construction paper (6 count) 17@25.27	429.59
20. Dr Seuss Beginning Reader Collection box set	109.37
Discount	-2.40
Shipping & handling	3.99
Sales tax paid all receipts (80.30+21.68+33.32+8.79)	144.09
Total Project Expenditures	2003.68

9. By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Grant funds were spent only for eligible items in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, and that all of the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures have been provided to the district. I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will become the property of RI and will not be returned. I warrant that I own all rights in the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or at any time in the future, throughout the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or later developed. This includes the right to modify the photograph(s) as necessary in RI's sole discretion. This also includes, without limitation, use on or in the web sites, magazines, brochures, pamphlets, exhibitions and any other promotional materials of RI and TRF.

Certifying Signature

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Print name, Rotary title, and club

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