



Mr. Conrad Heede, PDG
Grapevine Rotary Club
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Dear Mr. Heede,

I would like to thank you and the Grapevine Rotary Club for your support of the police department and our community outreach efforts. Your support has enabled us to initiate the Community Engagement Program which is intended to build a bridge between the children in our community and the police officers that serve them. In light of the current challenges facing law enforcement today, the Community Engagement Program provides an opportunity for police officers to interact with citizens in a positive manner.

The \$3,000 donation from the Rotary Club, and the District 5790 grant, provides money for officers to help kids in need. Officers routinely encounter children with torn shoes or other items that a parent cannot afford to replace. This fund allows the officer to furnish the needed items for the child. This in turn builds goodwill with the parents and their children.

I have attached a photo of some kids that were in desperate need of backpacks. Thanks to your contribution to the Community Engagement Program, Officer O'Neal was able to purchase two new backpacks for the children. I think the picture speaks volumes of the gratitude the children felt towards Officer O'Neal.

Additionally, other organizations have heard of the program and committed to provide funds towards this important effort. One group has provided \$500 to support the program while another has agreed to match the initial \$3,500. The Grapevine Rotary Club has been the catalyst for a very worthwhile program that has engaged the citizens of Grapevine as well as other civic groups in the community.

Thank you for all that the club has done to support the Grapevine Police Department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. Salame". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eddie Salame
Chief of Police

