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El Cajon Rotary Club Foundation
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Dear Rotarians,

A year quickly goes by, and during that time more than 200 children per weekday have uses the El Cajon Clubhouse and Teen Center for their “home away from home” after school. During this time they are provided; a welcoming greeting, food, physical activities and a chance to read and do their homework with adult support and supervision.

Now as in previous years, your scholarship fund in honor of Vince Bacino and fulfilling the Rotarian belief of providing children with the ability to acquire a better education is used every day after school in the safe confines of the Boys & Girls Clubs of East County’ El Cajon Clubhouse.

The Rotarian Academy Project (RAP) includes; The Academy to stay open daily during club hours from 2-6pm with mentors to encourage and assist in homework study as well as track and log Power Hour and Rabid Readers progress. Members receive points for completing homework assignments and reading a minimum of 20 minutes per day. To date, 91% of our children are completing at least the desired time (1/2 hr) if not more. Many are being given Club Bucks for the completion and are able to “buy” prizes at the end of the week.

Parents and our members are encouraged and satisfied with this program. It has raised reading scores, decreased homework “drama” and provides more time at home to enjoy “family time”.

This year we would like to include reading programs that will enhance and stimulate our member’s literacy growth; **Lexia Reading** is a computerized, supplementary reading software program designed for regular use, consisting of two to five weekly sessions of 20 to 30 minutes each, in a classroom setting. Lexia Reading is designed to be used for 20 to 30 minutes per session. **Raz-Kids'** leveled books provide effective, differentiated reading practice for every student, at every reading level.

With these programs, software tracks student responses and automatically provides additional practice when needed. The Internet-based reports from the developer allow staff to assess and monitor progress of the member. Reports provide ongoing assessments of reading skills and progress to assist with reading instruction.

We ask you to continue honoring Vince and Rotary with a \$5,000 Grant for the Rotarian Academy Project and continue to give the gift of reading and learning that lasts a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Forrest Higgins, III
CEO

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