

Individual Project Final Report

Please complete this form, even if you did not spend any of the grant money. Attach copies of all invoices (be sure they are marked "paid"), receipts, and/or copies of checks for the full amount of the project budget.

Rotary Club: Anchorage East Rotary

Project Title: P-1213 Personal Energy Transportation

Project Description

1. Describe the project. What was done, when, and where did project activities take place?

This grant provided 43 hand-cranked three-wheeled carts commonly called PETs (Personal Energy Transportation) to people in Guatemala who by reason of paralysis, amputation or neurological/developmental problems cannot use their legs. The PETs were scheduled to be delivered in late April when the team from the PET-Kansas workshop that produced the PETs was in Guatemala with a member of Anchorage East Rotary, but the bulk of the PETs were held up in customs and were only delivered in late June by the PET-Missouri team that was in Guatemala. PET distributions were made in various parts of Guatemala in coordination with Hope Haven Guatemala and the Guatemala Red Cross.

2. How many people benefited from this project?

Directly, 42
people, but
many more
when family
members are
counted.

3. Who were the beneficiaries, how were they impacted by this project, and what humanitarian need was met?

The direct beneficiaries were Guatemalans as young as 11 and as old as 80 who can now be mobile under their own power. The indirect beneficiaries are all of the family members who used to have to carry their immobilized loved one or stay home with that person. For young people, being mobile means being able to go out and do things with friends or go to school independently. For older people having a source of mobility often allows them to work or do errands for the family. In all cases, being independent enhances the person's self-esteem as well as life prospects.

4. How many Rotarians participated in the project?

One Anchorage
East Rotarian went
to Guatemala for the
distribution.

5. What did they do? Please give at least two examples, not including financial support provided to the project.

The Anchorage East Rotarian who went to Guatemala assisted with the distribution of the PETs that were available at that time, filled out questionnaires with the families, photo-documented the families and PET recipients and prepared biographies with the pictures and stories of the PET recipients.

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

PET-Kansas produced the PETs as kits that were shipped to Guatemala for assembly and distribution and went to Guatemala for a distribution.

Hope Haven Guatemala (primarily a charitable wheel chair factory) received and stored the PETs and organized distributions in different cities, making location arrangements for the teams and providing staff to help with the assembly of the PETs as well as registration and photography.

Red Cross Guatemala has clinics all around Guatemala and publicizes the availability of the PETs for people lacking mobility due to inability to use their legs. They take applications and forward them to Hope Haven Guatemala and then notify recipients of the distribution date and location.

Financial Report (District must retain receipts of all expenditures for at least five years)

Currency Used: USD Exchange Rate: n/a = 1 USD

7. Income

Sources of Income	Currency	Amount
1. District Grant funds received from the District	USD	\$6500
2. Rotary Club Contribution (Anchorage East)	USD	\$6500