

ROTARY DISTRICT 3490
District Grant Report

Project Number # _____ Sign, scan, and upload to the project website

OF SEDONA

Rotary Club: _____
IMAGINATION LIBRARY EXPANSION

Project Title: _____

Progress Report Final Report

Project Description

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

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which sends a new age-appropriate book every month to enrolled children ages birth to 5 years, has been expanded to include all children living in the Verde Valley. Enrollment has increased from 400 on 7/1/16 to 1236 on 3/27/17. 836 additional Verde Valley Children under 5 now receive books monthly. The expansion cities include: Camp Verde, Clarkdale, Cornville, Cottonwood and Jerome

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project? 9 intensively

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

All three Rotary Clubs in the Verde Valley helped with promotion, enrollment and funding of the program; 8 of 10 Rotarians are on the Board of Directors of the newly formed nonprofit, Verde Valley Imagination Library. They have secured funding through donations, fundraising and grants, collaborated with community partners, wrote bylaws,

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? 1236

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

The long-term goal is to assure that every child in the Verde Valley is ready to succeed in Kindergarten by improving early childhood literacy skills. The achievement gap in children is measurable by age 18 months and significant by age 3 years. Children behind at age 3 struggle the most in school. Studies show interactive talking and reading to infants and toddlers significantly improves their language and literacy skills.

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

Two of our board members are youth librarians, one from Camp Verde and one from Sedona. All libraries in the Verde Valley help enroll children. Parents as Teachers, Yavapai County Community Health outreach, Healthy Families Arizona, all the Head Start Programs and the Verde Valley Medical Center help promote the program enroll children. Several work with parents directly to improve skills as their child's first teacher.

Financial Report (District must retain receipts of all expenditures)

7. Income	Amount
1. District Grant funds received from the District	3,000
2. Other funding (specify) Rotary Club of Sedona Charitable Fund	3,000
3. Arizona Community Foundation of Sedona Challenge Grant	13,087
Total Project Income	19,087

8. Expenditures (please be specific and add lines as needed)	
1. Books and Postage	19,087
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
Total Project Expenditures	19,087

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 uploaded to the project website.** 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: Jean C Barton Date: MARCH 28, 2017
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