

District Grant-Final Report Form 2016-17

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Return this completed form to your District Rotary Foundation Grant Sub-Committee Chair(DSGC). Do not sent this form directly to Rotary International.

Rotary Club: Cross Timbers Project Number: P-1477

Project Title: Three adaptive racing chairs for special needs athlete-riders.

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?

The Cross Timbers Rotary Club volunteered with a group called Ainsley's Angels, an organization that uses adaptive racing chairs, which they call "chariots", to give children with disabilities the experience of "running" distances ranging from a 5K or 10K to a half, full or ultra marathon. These athlete-riders are paired with a team of runners who push the chair.

Cross Timbers Rotarians volunteered as "Angel Teams" in our local Neon Night 5K in October of 2016. Each team consisted of the angel athlete-rider and up to three angel runners, plus volunteers encouraging the athlete-rider along the route. The team works together to safely accomplish the mission, while staying together and having fun.

The angel athlete-rider is the core of the team and pulls the runner across the finish line with smiles, cheers and immeasurable inspirational spirit. Our grant is funding three additional chairs that will not just be used locally, but will be transported to races in other cities and states throughout the year, providing the opportunity to even more athlete-riders to have this experience of a lifetime.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project? 11 Rotarians and 7 kids of Rotarians

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

Four Rotarians and one Rotarian spouse plus one Rotarian kid served as "angel runners" as part of the "Angel Teams," providing the leg power for the athlete-riders.

The rest of the Rotarian volunteers helped athlete-runners get ready for the race and then went out to the race course to cheer them on along the way.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? 7 angel-riders plus their families and the additional volunteers were impacted by Rotary participating in this project. In addition, hundreds of runners cheered on these athlete-riders, as they were the first to head out onto the course.

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

The fact that these athlete-riders were so visible at this huge community event creates awareness for the work done by Ainsley's Angels to better the quality of life for these special needs kids and adults. And the high visibility of Rotary increases the awareness of Rotary's impact in the community.

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

Flower Mound Rotary is the sponsoring club for the Neon Night 5K and our volunteer work with Ainsley's Angels was at this event. In addition, the Lewisville Independent School District provided support for the event, as well as the Town of Flower Mound and the Denton County Sheriff's Department.

Financial Report (District must retain receipts of all expenditures)

7. Income	Amount
1. District Grant funds received from the District	1350.00
2. Other funding (specify) Cross Timbers Rotary Club	1350.00
3.	
Total Project Income	2700.00

8. Expenditures (please be specific and add lines as needed)	
Purchase of "chariots" used by special needs athlete-riders. One has been purchased, as seen in the photos, with the other two being purchased with the remainder of the grant funding.	2700.00
Total Project Expenditures	2700.00

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. 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

Lori Fickling

Date: 4/30/17

Print name, Rotary title, and club

Lori Fickling, President, Cross Timbers Rotary Club

To be completed by the District Rotary Foundation Grant Sub-Committee Chair (DGSC):

District Simplified Grant # _____