



Rotary Club: Buena Park Rotary Club

Project Title: "Books and Bags for Babies"

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?

A. What was done: Our project, "Books and Bags for Babies," entailed giving 280 handmade, drawstring bags to hospitals and local groups to distribute to parents of new babies. Inside the bags were a reference book for new parents (*Your Baby's First Year*), a board book to read to the baby, a reading guide reprint from the Los Angeles Times, a flyer from Buena Park Library showcasing its programs for toddlers, and information from the two main school districts in Buena Park. On page 185 of the reference book a "sticky tab" was placed, highlighting that page's information about brain development and the importance of parents reading to young children. The bags were made by the Acacia Quilt Guild (AQG) of Buena Park, whose members donated most of the fabric too. The drawstrings were inserted by the Buena Park Women's Club—those ladies also stuffed the bags with the materials and books. Rotary members paid for the books and delivered the bags to the recipient organizations that had promised to distribute them to Buena Park families.

B. When the project took place: Books were ordered by BP Rotary members and bags were made by AQG members in September 2012. Shortly after that, Women's Club members did the finishing and bags were distributed. More bags were given to the groups as needed until all 280 bags were gone. Last drop-off was to St. Jude Hospital in the first week of June 2013.

C. Where the project took place: AQG made the bags at the Senior Center during a "Sew-In" day. Women's Club members stuffed them at their clubhouse. Places where the bags were delivered were in the cities of Fullerton (St. Jude), La Palma (La Palma Hospital), Buena Park (WIC), and Santa Ana (MOMS OC)

D. Who were the beneficiaries: 280 babies and their parents—approximately 600+ people. Those receiving bags to distribute were:

- St. Jude Hospital (60 bags)
- La Palma Intercommunity Hospital (60 bags)
- WIC--Women, Infants, and Children (an Orange County Health Care Agency) (80 bags)
- MOMS OC--an agency that makes home visits to new parents regarding infant health and development. (75 bags)
- BP Rotary members gave 5 bags to new moms that they knew.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project? 10

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

Rotary members helped where needed in sewing and stuffing the bags, but mostly they met with or contacted by phone or email the supervising authorities at each of the recipient organizations. Then they delivered the filled bags to be distributed to new Buena Park babies.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? 600+

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

It is expected that this project will have long lasting impacts on the reading levels of the children who received the books as newborn babies. With the encouragement and information contained in the bags for new parents, it is our hope and expectation that parents will read to their children everyday; that those children will have an interest in and higher skill level in reading when they are school aged; that these children will read at grade level by the third grade, thus increasing their chances of high school graduation, college enrollment, and higher income levels than had they not been read to as infants and children. It is also expected that these Buena Park residents will then have a positive impact on the socio-economic level of the city of Buena Park.

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

- Acacia Quilt Guild of Buena Park--made the cloth bags
- Women's Club of Buena Park--finished the cloth bags by inserting the drawstrings and filling them with

printed materials and books

- Buena Park School District--provided information about the school district's programs
- Centralia School District--provided information about the school district's programs
- Buena Park Library--provided information about the library's programs
- St. Jude Hospital-- distributed bags to newborn Buena Park babies and families
- La Palma Intercommunity Hospital—distributed bags to newborn Buena Park babies and families
- WIC--Women, Infants, and Children (an Orange County Health Care Agency)—provided printed materials for bags and distributed bags to newborn Buena Park babies and families
- MOMS OC--an agency that makes home visits to new parents regarding infant health and development-- distributed bags to newborn Buena Park babies and families

Financial Report - Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income


	Amount
1. District Grant funds approved by the District	\$1,500
2. Club contribution	1395.19 XXXXX
3. Other funding (specify)	In-kind donations of fabric
Total Project Income	2895.19 XXXXX

8. Expenditures - please be specific and add lines as needed - receipts must be attached

1. fabric and ribbon (for drawstrings)	163.97
2. Book--Your Baby's First Year (3 receipts: \$938, 190.55, 190.55)	1,319.10
3. Board Books (2 receipts: \$1,083.53, 180.59)	1,264.12
4. copying costs (no receipt)	148.00
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Total Project Expenditures	2895.19

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 provided to the district. 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


 Date: 6/6/2013

Print name, Rotary title, and club

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