Rotary International Rotary District 5340

Rotary Foundation District Grant Final Report

Must be filed electronically on: http://www.matchinggrants.org/district/ Grant

Information (to be completed by District Grant contact)

- 1. District Grant# P-1765
- 2. Name of District Grant: House Building
- 3. Briefly describe the grant and list any changes that might have occurred (100 words or less).

Project Mercy is a 501 C (3) non-profit agency in San Diego which focuses on the improvement of basic living standards and quality of life for impoverished families in the poor colonias of east Tijuana, Mexico. They facilitate the purchase of the necessary material and provide the basic building plan to build a sturdy home for an eligible family. The Francis Parker High School Interact Club and the Robotic Club were instrumental in completing the project. They came with experience and a ready to work attitude. It was a very rewarding experience.

4. Provide a brief (100 words or less) of lessons learned in implementing this grant and how this will improve future grant funded projects:

We had so much participation that we were able to build two homes instead of one. It was beneficial to have many adept carpenters and workers, but even the most inexperienced were able to handle a paint brush.

5. How has your Club or community been impacted by this grant?

Once Rotarians and interact students are given the opportunity to help in a real visible way, their enthusiasm and commitment grows. It was the first time many actually visited Mexico and the first time they were given first hand insight into the living conditions of a family they grew to know throughout the day. They could see the make shift home the family lived in previously and then experienced the pure heart felt joy when they handed the keys of the new home to a tearful, grateful family. This experienced raised the awareness of the dire need of many people all over the world and inspired us to be able to help in even a small way.

X	(Check all that apply) Involvement of Rotarians in our Club in humanitarian grants has increased.
X	Our Club's international Rotary networks have been strengthened.
	Annual giving to the Rotary Foundation in our Club has increased. Club membership has increased. Our Club's awareness of the needs in our community has increased. Participation in a District Grant has not changed our Club in any significant way Others:

6. Given your experience, please provide any suggestions you believe would improve District Grants and the process to receive and implement them.

I wasn't clear about the new procedure to have the District check first go to the club instead of to the project itself.

5. Financial Summary

Amount of District Grant funds received: \$2,950

Amount of Club funds used: \$2,950 Amount of other funds used: -0-

Total: \$5,900

6. Receipts and Financial statements

Please include all invoices and receipts in electronic format to your web page on the District

Grants web page: http://www.matchinggrants.org/district/

Approvals:

Chih President

Club Contact for District Grant

Date

Date