



District Grant Report

Rotary Club: La Mirada

Project Title: Eileen Wade "Clothes for Kids" Shopping Event Project No. P-2111

Progress Report Final Report

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

The Rotary Club of La Mirada worked with local elementary schools in the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District during the Fall of 2018 to identify 42 students in need of new, warm clothing. This year, three special-needs students were included in the student population for the first time. On December 5, 2018, approximately 77 Rotarians, spouses, family members, friends, Interact students from La Mirada High School (22 students), public safety personnel and other community volunteers hosted the needy students during a "Clothes for Kids" Shopping Event at Marshalls Department Store, which opened its doors early for the special event. Each of the 42 students received approximately \$125 in shoes, jackets, pants, shirts and other personal items they needed. The new, warm clothing was expected to enhance the children's attitude in the classroom through a greater sense of self-confidence and personal comfort. Students were also taken by bus to the La Mirada Activity Center where they received individual presents met with Santa Claus, sang holiday songs and took part in an intergenerational holiday party and snack with a number of senior citizens using the facility. The snack was supplied by Chick-fil-A, La Habra, an event sponsor.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?

Fourteen of the seventeen members of the La Mirada Rotary Club were able to participate in the event, which honored the memory of longtime Rotarian Eileen Wade who had championed the event for decades. Numerous spouses, family members, co-workers and friends came along to assist at the event. In addition, several prospective members, Sheriff's deputies, firefighters, City personnel (City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Deputy District Attorney Human Resources Director), and other community volunteers were on hand. Sixteen members of the Interact Club at La Mirada High School also volunteered to assist. In advance of the event, a number of Rotarians participated in event planning and arranging logistics.

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

- Rotary volunteers at the "Clothes for Kids" Shopping event helped young children select clothing items from lists of needed items supplied by their parents.
- Rotarians and other volunteers went through the store's checkout process with each child. The store kept a running tally on the purchases, and the Rotary Club paid for the purchases at the end of the event by check.
- Rotary members and family also purchased and wrapped, in advance, the gifts distributed to the children at the holiday party.
- **Interact Club** students participated in the shopping event by shopping with the children.
- **Interact Club** students held a fundraiser and contributed funds to support the event.
- Rotarians contacted local schools involved in the project, arranged for City bus transportation and an appearance by Santa Claus, and coordinate refreshments for the holiday party.
- Rotarians, spouses and friends also worked at the club's Fireworks Booth during July to raise funds used on club projects, including the Shopping Event and other events throughout the year.

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

Forty-two needy children and their families benefitted from the “Clothes for Kids” Shopping event at Marshalls. In addition, a number of senior citizens attending the program at the La Mirada Activity Center enjoyed the holiday party held at the facility following the Shopping Event. Non-Rotarian volunteers also expressed how their spirits were raised by participating in the event.

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

This project provides badly needed financial and emotional support to approximately 43 needy children and their families in La Mirada. The program also benefits dozens of senior citizens attending programs at the La Mirada Activity Center. In past years, some of the children involved in the project have received their only holiday presents during the Rotary event. The positive attention and support provided to the students is believed to benefit the students’ classroom performance.

Rotary Club of La Mirada’s support for this project was well publicized in local newspapers, blogs, newsletters, etc. This publicity serves to enhance the profile of Rotary in the local community, and contributes to a greater sense of momentum for the club. Each year, several individuals living and working in the community have a first encounter with Rotary during this project, and they frequently seek to learn more about Rotary after participating in or reading about the project.

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

The “Clothes for Kids” Shopping event involved the cooperation of the **Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District** and its local elementary schools to identify needy students and their families. The **Marshalls Department store** opens an hour early exclusively for the Rotary event. The store also donates a breakfast of donuts, milk and coffee for participants (the students did partake of the donuts too) in the event. The **City of La Mirada’s Activity Center** is used for an intergenerational holiday party for the needy students and senior citizens using the facility. Staff from the local **Chick-fil-A restaurant (La Habra)** again assisted at the event, including having the company’s cow mascot figure attend the holiday party with Santa Claus. The company donated chicken meals, drinks and desserts following the holiday party at the La Mirada Activity Center. **The City of La Mirada** provided assistance in the form of the appearance by Santa Claus and bus transportation.

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income

Amount

1. District Grant funds approved by the District	\$ 1,360.00
2. Club matching contribution	\$ 1,360.00
3. Other funding Additional Club contribution to fully fund project costs	\$ 2,432.23
3. Other funding Donations received from Corporate Sponsors and Interact Students	\$ 275.00
Total Project Income	\$5,427.23

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

1. Marshalls Department Store (Check #4019 and Check #4018)	\$ 4,677.79
2. Toys for Children (Patricia Brace and Stacey Wong Reimbursements)	\$ 749.44
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Total Project Expenditures	\$ 5,427.23

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

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Certifying Signature

Date: [February 7, 2019](#)



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