



## District Grant Final Report 2018-2019

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**District Grant #** P-2180

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Rotary Club: Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast

Project Title: Peace Fellow Memorial Project

### Project Description:

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1. Briefly describe the project. What was done and where did the project activities take place? Explain how the beneficiaries and other community members were involved?

In the buffer zone of the Montecillos Biological Reserve in Honduras, the Mesoamerican Pine Beetle has wiped out half of existing Honduran pine trees which protected the coffee plants from the tropical sun. In addition, a coffee fungus has reduced production by up to 60% in some areas. This has resulted in an economic crisis for the communities surrounding Montecillos. As income dries up, families struggle to meet their most basic needs and end up exploiting the natural resources in the Reserve to make a living. Without the support of projects like this one, local communities begin to eat away at the next generation's resources, resulting in environmental degradation, and increased migration away from rural areas to urban centers and other countries.

Through this project with partners Trees, Water & People (TWP) and the Center for Education in Sustainable Agriculture (CEASO) in Honduras, Rotary built resilience into the recovery by providing to each community in the area:

1. 25 Healthier cookstoves, built to local cultural preferences, that reduce fuel-wood consumption by 50% and improve the health of the community. All cookstoves were built with local labor and materials.
2. 25 Cisterns built by the community using locally-available materials to catch local rainfall for household tasks, leaving scarce local spring water for drinking. All cisterns were manufactured in-place by trained and empowered community members.
3. Two diversified tree nurseries to replace the devastated pine canopy with varieties of trees that can produce alternative income over time (protect coffee trees and provide

fruit for income). These nurseries are cultivated and managed by the communities, including kids from local schools.

Since this project is in a very remote area of Honduras, training and monitoring of the implementation of the above work was completed by local professionals from CEASO and TWP.

This project assisted two communities in their recovery from the environmental disaster.

This project was started by Rotary Peace Scholar Lucas Wolf (class of 2006 - 2008, sponsored by District 5440) while he was the International Director of Trees Water People (TWP), an NGO that works with rural communities throughout Central America and on U.S. Tribal Lands.

Lucas unexpectedly passed away at age 36 while attending an environmental conference in Havana, Cuba. Until his death, Lucas remained very active in the Rotary Peace Fellow alumni organization, traveling often to speak and/or participate in Rotary-sponsored peace conferences.

The Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast and TWP worked to develop a project in Lucas' memory which related to his passion. With this project, TWP and Rotary are carrying on his legacy, and kicking off a 5-year effort to plant 1,000,000 trees in his name. This project was his last passion project and is a very fitting memorial for him.

A more complete Final Report from partner Trees Water People has been uploaded to the project documentation on [www.matchinggrants.org](http://www.matchinggrants.org).

2. How many Rotarians participated in this project? 2

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

One Rotarian coordinated the project donations, monitored the project's status, and updated the project on [www.matchinggrants.org](http://www.matchinggrants.org).

The second Rotarian traveled to the project locations in Honduras in November, 2019, interacted with the affected communities, and verified the effectiveness of the installations.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? 125

5. Who are the beneficiaries and what is the expected long-term community impact of this project?

The beneficiaries are members of two communities located near the Montecillos Biological Reserve in Honduras.

In the long term, this project will:

1. Help the communities diversify their economies from a single source of income (coffee) to additional sources, including crops from mature trees grown in the provided tree nurseries.
2. Enable the communities to collect and provide water for their communities from the cisterns provided by this project rather than harming the Biological Reserve environment to gather water daily from water sources in the Reserve.
3. Improve the health of the community, especially the women in the community by providing healthier cookstoves that conform to local cultural practices.

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

There were two partner organizations: Trees, Water & People (TWP), a Fort Collins, CO, based NGO which managed the project and the Center for Education in Sustainable Agriculture (CEASO, a Honduran NGO which coordinated the logistics of supply and construction.

7. Income:

Income Source	Amount
Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast and cooperating Rotary Clubs and individual Rotarians	\$7202.00
District 5440 Matching Grant	\$3000.00
Trees Water People Matching Grant	\$4000.00
<b>Total Project Income</b>	\$14202.00

8. Expenditures: (number receipts starting with 1 and indicate a receipt # (s) for each expenditure) (Do not include travel expenses)

If international project convert amounts to US dollars	Receipt # (s)	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount
<p>Receipts for individual items are not available since the project was completed in Honduras by a partner NGO. I have uploaded the following documentation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A receipt from Trees Water People (TWP) for the \$10,202 contributed from Fort Collins Breakfast Rotary, including the District Matching Grant as well as other donations received from individual Rotarians and clubs. This receipt does not include the \$4,000 matching grant provided by TWP.</li> <li>2. A wire transfer receipt that reflects \$21,600 in total being wired from Trees Water People to CEASO. The \$14,202 required for this project were included in this wire transfer. The remaining funds in this wire transfer were to support further work by CEASO on behalf of TWP in other communities.</li> </ol>			
Total project expenditures			

9. Please explain any variance of more than 5% between the budgeted amount and the actual amount including the reason for the variance and why the alternative was chosen.

10. Project score (5=strongly, 4=agree, 3= neutral, 2=disagree, 1=strongly disagree)

	Project Score	Comments
The overall project was successful	5	
The grant process worked well	4	
My interaction with partner clubs was good	5	
We achieved the results we expected	5	

11. Did you upload photos in your project on [matchinggrants.org](http://matchinggrants.org) under the Photos tab? (If not, please do so)

Yes. In addition, there is a final project report provided by Trees Water People that was uploaded. The final report indicates that there were 20 cisterns installed rather than 25. Trees Water People confirm that this is an error and that 25 cisterns were installed.

12. What worked well on this project and why?

The project management by Trees Water People was invaluable in delivering on all the project objectives.

13. What did not work well and how would you suggest improving it?

Everything worked well, considering that the Rotarian managing the project had never used [www.matchinggrants.org](http://www.matchinggrants.org), which caused some confusion.

14. How was this project publicized?

Through [matchinggrants.org](http://matchinggrants.org), through Trees Water People website, and through the Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast newsletter (various issues) and website.

#### Project Inventory

Please list all items provided in this grant that are over \$75 in value and are not expendable.

There were no items that meet this criterion.

Item Purchased	Date of Purchase	Cost	Destination/ Location	Comments

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 the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures are attached. 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 to the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant the District, RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or in the future, through the District and the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or developed. This includes the right

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**Please attach all receipts or an invoice and a copy of the check used to pay the invoice. Funds over \$100 not used must be returned to the district grants treasurer.**

Certifying signature of primary contact \_\_\_\_\_ Date: July 31, 2020

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