

District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Villa Park Rotary Club

Project Title: The Rotary Positive Self-Expression Arts Project (In partnership with the Youth Centers of Orange)

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 Positive Self-Expression Arts Project was developed to create a comprehensive Arts Program at the Youth Centers of Orange which will give the youth of our community ample opportunity to use the arts a means of positive self-expression. This will foster a lifelong skill which will positively influence our youth for the rest of their lives.

Arts Supplies were purchased and classes in Drawing, Music, and Film took place during the 2018-2019 school year at the Youth Centers of Orange. The program brought art enrichment to over 100 children at the Youth Centers of Orange and 46 youth participated in weekly art classes. Classes started in October 2018 and concluded in March of 2019.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?

There were about 10 Rotarians involved in the project.

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

The main Rotarians who were involved in the project were Mark Schmidt – Organized the grant and partnership, as well as purchased all the supplies; Marc Hurd – spearheaded the effort and worked to arrange the public delivery of the items; Robert Shumate – Assisted in writing and editing the grant request.

Also, representatives from the Orange North Rotary and the Villa Park Rotary Club were in attendance at the Youth Centers of Orange Thanksgiving event where the Rotary Arts Program was recognized and some of the donated items were on display. In addition, children's art work was displayed as well as a small musical performance by the children in the new arts program.

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

The Youth Centers of Orange serves 80 to 100 low-income children at their main facility. (The Facility at which The Rotary Positive Self-Expression Arts Project was conducted.) during this school year, 24 children participated in drawing classes, 10 in music classes, and 12 in film classes. 46 in total. (50% of the average daily membership for the facility.)

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

The great thing about this project is that it laid the foundation for programming moving forward at the Youth Centers of Orange. This was the first time a formalized program was offered to the children and the results exceeded expectations. Many children began to express themselves in positive manners and also became more interested in the arts at school. Because of the Rotary's help, the Youth Centers of Orange will conduct the program annually so many more children can learn the joys of expressing themselves using the arts. If Rotary had not stepped up, these children would not have had this program, or any of the other programs which were inspired by this project. This is especially important to note because we as Rotarians need to know that we not only provide service, but we also inspire others to do the same. Now, these beautiful children have so many more opportunities – all thanks to Rotary!

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

For this project, the Villa Park Rotary teamed up with the Youth Centers of Orange (YCO). The YCO communicated their needs and we were able to accommodate all of them. As the facilitators of the program, the YCO performed the classes and arranged for Rotary to have a platform to promote its partnership at their annual Thanksgiving dinner.

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income

Amount

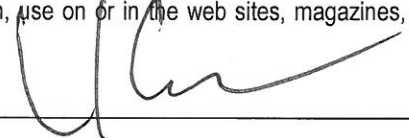
1. District Grant funds approved by the District	\$2,000.00
2. Club contribution	\$2,000.00
3. Other funding (specify) Orange North Rotary Club Contribution	\$2,000.00
Total Project Income	\$6,000.00

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

1. See attached Amazon receipts	\$5,578.89
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Total Project Expenditures	\$5,578.89

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: 5/15/19

Print name, Rotary title, and club

MARK SCHERBOF, COMMUNITY CHAIR,
VELLA PARK ROTARY CLUB