

Our Rotary club has been working with the Teen Parent Program at Tracy High School for many years. This program not only involves teen mothers and teen fathers. but prospective teen parents as well.

Among the activities of the Teen Parent program are cooking classes each week. It has come to our attention that the cooking appliances that they are currently using are very old (ancient may be a better term). In addition, the stove is in disrepair and not all burners are working.

We propose, through this matching grant to purchase for the Teen Parent program a new self-cleaning double convection oven/gas range and 2 microwave ovens (which among other things will be used to warm baby bottles while the parents are otherwise occupied.

The teen mothers and fathers will benefit by having better equipment on which to learn how to cook and to feed their families. The fact that the appliances are new may attract other teen parents to the program. I will not go into the benefits of the Teen Parent program as a whole. Suffice to say that we believe that it is a worthwhile endeavor and anything to enhance the program's effectiveness and reach should be encouraged.