

# Individual Project Report

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Rotary Club: Rotary Club of Anchorage East

Project Title: P-309 CSS Refugee Program

Progress report  Final report

## Project Description

1. Describe the project. What was done, when, and where did project activities take place? If this is a progress report, what remains to be done?

The primary use of the grant funds was to purchase 33 twin beds for arriving refugees. Catholic Social Services, as Alaska's designated refugee resettlement agency, is required to provide an apartment with, among other things, a separate bed for each arriving refugee. Because of hygiene concerns, only new beds are supplied to the refugees. Arrangement was made for the purchase of the beds in December 2013, and CSS has called for them at the time of arrival of a refugee, since CSS does not have adequate storage for 33 beds at one time. The supplier, Aaron's, Inc., delivers the beds directly to the apartment being set up for an arriving refugee. The project took place in Anchorage, Alaska. \$4950 of the \$5000 grant was spent on the 33 beds, and the remaining \$50 was spent on fruit and snacks foods for the refugee holiday party which is attended by the refugees who have arrived within the year. Apart from the grant funds, Anchorage East also raised funds from the members to supply gifts to two refugees who had recently arrived, and other members donated items useful for arriving refugees to set up housekeeping or to keep warm in the winter. The project is complete.

2. How many people benefited from this project?

33 refugees  
received beds  
and many  
others  
participated in  
the holiday  
party

3. Who were the beneficiaries, how were they impacted by this project, and what humanitarian need was met?

The most immediate beneficiaries were the 33 refugees who had a bed to sleep in when they arrived. In addition, other refugees in general benefited from the holiday party for which Anchorage East provided fruit and snacks, as well as gifts. The humanitarian need was to help people whose lives have been disrupted in their home countries feel welcome and adequately provided for in ours.

4. How many Rotarians participated in the project?

Three members  
hands-on and many  
more through  
monetary and in-  
kind contributions.

5. What did they do? Please give at least two examples, not including financial support provided to the project.

Three of us met several times with the director of the Refugee program of CSS in order to understand the program and determine the best use of the funds. One member handled the payments and food shopping. Another one collected donations of money and gift items from other club members and then did the gift shopping and gift wrapping. Three members attended the holiday party. One member also participated several times in a mock interview program for the refugees.

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

The Catholic Social Services Refugee Program was our cooperating organization. It runs the US Department of State refugee resettlement program for the State of Alaska. It would be more accurate to say that Anchorage East Rotary cooperated with CSS.

## Financial Report (District must retain receipts of all expenditures for at least five years)

Currency Used: USD Exchange Rate: No exchange = 1 USD

7. Income

Sources of Income	Currency	Amount
1. District Simplified Grant funds received from the District	USD	\$2500
2. Other funding (specify) Club funds	USD	\$2500
3.		
<b>Total Project Income</b>		USD \$5000

8. Expenditures (please be specific and add lines as needed)

Budget Items	Name of Supplier	Currency	Amount
1. 33 twin beds	Aaron's Inc	USD	\$4950
2. fruit and snacks for holiday party	Costco	USD	\$50
3.			
4.			
5.			
<b>Total Project Expenditures</b>		USD	\$5000

### Certifying Signature

By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Simplified 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. 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

Print name, Rotary title, and club

Sandra J. Wicks Date: 4/28/14  
Sandra J. Wicks, Anchorage East

To be completed by the District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair:

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