

The Del Mar Rotary Club donated \$1000 for the Community Housing Works Running Readers literacy program for students in grades Kindergarten through third. The Club's donation was awarded a District Matching Grant of \$1000. For a total of \$2000.

The funds were used to purchase books and supplies for enrichment reading curriculum boxes for K-3 readers at two of the eighteen communities serviced throughout San Diego County. Attached is a list of books and the cost of each book that was selected as deemed appropriate for the program in this age group. The primary vendor is First Books and what was not available at First Books were purchased through Amazon. The \$2000 allowed CHW to purchase in bulk and save considerable costs. The total cost of each learning center was \$990.54 plus tax and so our \$2000 grant provided **two** learning centers.

Several members of the Del Mar Rotary Club visited the La Costa facility to observe the children in action during their after school activities. We were impressed with the program, the staff, led by **Rachel Cherny**, volunteers and the children who were enthusiastically reading and listening along with a small group volunteer. We were shown the "learning center boxes", complete with books, workbooks and teaching guides that were purchased with our literacy donation.

The children in attendance were residents of the attached low income housing facility and most spoke English as a second language. It was evident that the success of these students has been greatly increased due to this program and the caring staff and volunteers that organize the program. The Del Mar Rotary Club and District 5340 can be proud of their support for this project.