

District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Rotary Club of Chicago Cosmopolitan

Project Title: P-4955 Star Farms Chicago

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?
 We prepped planting beds for the next crop. Including removing harvested plants, and covering beds with new layer of compost for planting. Star Farms is a non profit located in Chicago's Back of the Yards neighborhood. Star Farms brings fresh produce to Back of the Yards neighbors an area that is a food desert in Chicago. We complete the project with Star Farms on September 23, 2023. The Back of the Yards neighbors benefited from the fresh grown produce that was planted in the beds.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?
 9

3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.
 Prepped beds for fresh compost - removed harvested plants and weeded beds
 Shoveled and wheelbarrowed fresh compost to the beds prepping them for planting

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project?
 We also partnered with a local Club Scout Pack 3312 (Shazam!) we had 8 pack members and parents join
 We also had 3 perspective Rotarians join the event and one has since become a Rotarian in our club!
 Star Farms annually grows more than 75,000 lbs of food, installs more than 60 pop up markets, and transforms more than 33,000 square feet of land into gardens and manage more than 170 CSA subscriptions. In addition at least 25 neighborhood residents benefited from this project.

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project?
 Star Farms creates an inclusive space by providing local jobs, vocational training and horticulture therapy to people with disabilities and employment barriers, and empowering women.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?
 Star Farms - the grant and volunteer work beneficiary
 Club Scout Pack 3312 (Shazam!) - doing this service project with them helped us complete the International Fellowship Scouting Service Project with them, we believe this is the first one to be completed in D6450!

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income Amount

1. District Grant funds approved by the District	984
2. Club contribution	16
3. Other funding (specify) - Star Farms covered the remaining costs not covered by grant	2.58
Total Project Income	1,002.58

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

1. Midwest Organics Recycling - Compost	262.58
2. E-Z Tree Recycling - Compost	190.00
3. Griffith Truck Service - Compost Delivery	550.00
4.	

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6.	
Total Project Expenditures	
	1002.58

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

Kathryn Armstrong

Date: 4.16.24

Print name, Rotary title, and club

Kathryn Armstrong, Club President (2023-2024), Chicago Cosmopolitan