

District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Aurora United

Project Title: World Polio Day Tree Planting

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 club worked with the Fox Valley Park District to plant a commemorative Autumn Blaze Maple tree at Rotary Park, along the Gilman Trail, in Aurora on Oct. 24, World Polio Day. Rotarians planned the project with FVPD, selecting the tree type and engraving script for the bronze plaque that is placed at the tree for all passersby to see. Rotarians assisted with the digging, tree planting, mulching and held a dedication ceremony. We tied purple ribbons around the tree and placed flowers at the base. We posted photos on Club, District and personal social media and club website. We plan to visit the tree annually to commemorate World Polio Day.

Engraved plaque text: October 24, 2023
 World Polio Day
 Working to End Polio Now
 Rotary Club of Aurora United

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project? 10

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

Rotarians planned the details of the project with the Fox Valley Park District – site selection, tree type selection, plaque engraving. They helped dig the hole, plant the tree, and held a dedication ceremony. They promoted World Polio Day and the tree on social media and website.

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

The local Aurora community will benefit from increased awareness of our cause to eradicate polio. They will also benefit from tree planting to improve the local environment – habitat, air quality, soil stability, shade, tranquility.

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

The project will continue to provide increased awareness and support of the polio eradication initiative and improvement to the local environment for at least 30 years. It also increases Rotary’s profile and positive image in the local community.

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

Fox Valley Park District provided the tree, engraved bronze plaque, decorative rock, labor and watering and care follow-up. Payment is made through a donation to the Fox Valley Park Foundation.

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income

Amount

1. District Grant funds approved by the District	\$500
2. Club contribution	\$0
3. Other funding (specify)	\$0
Total Project Income	\$500

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

1. Fox Valley Park Foundation: Tree planting, engraved bronze plaque, decorative rock, ongoing watering and care.	\$500
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Total Project Expenditures	\$500

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

Rachel Ossyra

Date: 1/29/24

Print name, Rotary title, and club

Rachel Ossyra, District Governor-Elect, Aurora United