

District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Darien IL

Project Title: Early Childhood Literacy

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?

This is an early literacy program, targeting and families children entering school for the first time. We purchased materials for and distribute literacy kits to approximately 150 children in Darien. The age of the children is between 3, 4, or 5 year old children, depending on when they first show up in our local schools through preschool screenings, or when they enter kindergarten the first time if not a part of the preschool program. We are working in conjunction with Indian Prairie Public Library and our local elementary school districts and preschool programs to determine appropriate books, materials, and resources, as well as early literacy information for parents.

In March 2024, we purchased materials, including bags, and on April 22, 2024 we packed 250 bags. These bags are being distributed by our local schools as children show up for preschool screenings.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project? 12

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

- 1) sourced materials, such as bags
- 2) set up for a packing event
- 3) applied stickers to books
- 4) assembled 250 bags

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? 250

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project? This project expects to improve early childhood literacy by encouraging and enabling parents to read to their children. When the child arrives in kindergarten, they will have some basic reading skills.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role? Indian Prairie Public Library and Darien School District 61, 63 and 66 assisted by determining appropriate materials and housing our packing event.

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income

| | Amount |
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| 1. District Grant funds approved by the District | 2179 |
| 2. Club contribution | 5176 |
| 3. Other funding (specify) | |
| Total Project Income | 7335 |

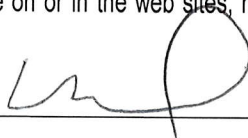
8. Expenditures - please be specific and add lines as needed - receipts must be attached

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| 1. bags for the books (Harbor Town Crafts) | 1250 |
| 2. Books (Bulk Bookstore, ordered via school district to avoid sales tax) | 5377 |
| 3. Misc supplies (stickers, lamination, manipulatives) | 727 |
| 4. | |
| 5. | |
| 6. | |
| Total Project Expenditures | 7335 |

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



Date: 4/29/24

Print name, Rotary title, and club

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