

**Rotary International
Rotary District 5340**

Rotary Foundation District Grant Final Report

Deadline for submission:

Date of Submission: May 23, 2012

Must be filed electronically on: <http://www.matchinggrants.org/district/>

Grant Information (to be completed by District Grant contact)

1. **District Grant #:** P-67
2. **Name of District Grant:** Hogar Infantil Orphanage Furnishings
3. **Briefly describe the grant and list any changes that might have occurred (100 words or less).**

Hogar Infantil La Gloria is a 35-year old orphanage providing a for 40-50 orphaned, abused, neglected, and abandoned children in Tijuana, Mexico. Recent projects have focused on upgrading facilities, which are in dire need of repair and operating beyond capacity. New industrial washing machines were needed to replace the five household washers and 3 household dryers which need near constant repairs due to over-use. Laundry is critical at Hogar from the washing of mandatory school uniforms, to sheets, towels, etc. With the grant, we were able to purchase 3 35lb washers and one industrial dryer.

4. **Provide a brief (100 words or less) of lessons learned in implementing this grant and how this will improve future grant funded projects:**

Actual finalization of this grant (e.g. purchase of equipment) took much longer than expected. To maximize dollars we had planned to purchase refurbished machines. At the time the money came through, supply had virtually dried up and it took nearly 6 months longer to complete the purchase. Would recommend that grant project managers estimate very conservatively when working with foreign suppliers, such that quality is maintained and grant deadlines and expectations are met.

5. **How has your Club or community been impacted by this grant?**

(Check all that apply)

Involvement of Rotarians in our Club in humanitarian grants has increased.

Our Club's international Rotary networks have been strengthened.

Annual giving to the Rotary Foundation in our Club has increased.

Club membership has increased.

Our Club's awareness of the needs in our community has increased.

Participation in a District Grant has not changed our Club in any significant way

Others: It was able to get new Rotary members involved and working with more experienced Rotarians in true team spirit, which aids in the long-term health of the club and also new member retention.

Given your experience, please provide any suggestions you believe would improve District Grants and the process to receive and implement them.

I found the process fairly painless, but I have also worked on many large-scale grants for my job. It would be helpful to have a one page guide to using the online portal, and a "checklist" of what to do and when (e.g., when to submit status reports, final reports, updates, etc.). While I knew

somewhat to look for, there were a few surprises and was very glad there were more experienced Rotarians that were able to prompt me along the way. Also, for someone that is not as computer literate, the portal may have posed a challenge – and a simple “how to” guide (given how simple it really is), would be sufficient for most to navigate and ensure success.

5. Financial Summary

Amount of District Grant funds received: \$3,000.00

Amount of Club funds used in grant: \$3,000.00

Amount of other funds used in grant: \$0.00

Total: \$6,000.00

6. Receipts and Financial statements

Please include all invoices and receipts in electronic format to your web page on the District Grants web page: <http://www.matchinggrants.org/district/>

Approvals:

__Sharyn Daly_____
Club President

_May 23, 2012_____
Date

_Kim Guevara-Harris_____
Club Contact for District Grant

May 23, 2012_____
Date