

# Rotary Club: La Mirada Project Title: Student Scholarships Progress Report X Final Report

1. Briefly describe the project. What was done, when and where did project activities take place, and who were the beneficiaries? In keeping with Rotary's focus on basic education and literacy, the Rotary Club of La Mirada provided \$5,000 in scholarships to a number of graduating students in the City of La Mirada to further their education at the college level.

The Rotary Club has provided five \$1,000 scholarships for graduating students at La Mirada High School in May, 2015. Rotarians provided a total of \$5,000 in scholarships with \$2,000 being provided via a District Matching Grant and \$3,000 provided by the Rotary Club of La Mirada. The Rotary Club received private contributions to its scholarship fund, which were used to assist with the scholarship program. Scholarships were awarded based upon student need, academic performance and community service. Winners were selected by a committee of club members. Funds were given to the La Mirada Community Foundation, a 501©3 non-profit corporation, which will distribute the funds as appropriate.

Scholarship applications were distributed to members of the Interact Club sponsored by the Rotary Club of La Mirada and participants in La Mirada's Youth In Government program. Application forms were distributed on campus by the Rotary Club members in early 2015. Applications were screened and applicants selected by Rotary Club members based upon a combination of academic performance, economic need, and demonstrated activity in terms of community service. Applications were accepted in April 2015, and recipients were selected in May, 2015. The Rotary Club provided checks by May 15, 2015 for the scholarship funds to the La Mirada Community Foundation, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit foundation serving the area. The Foundation agreed to arrange for the proper distribution of the scholarship funds for the student's educational needs in accordance with Rotary requirements. Club funds to support this project were raised through sales at an annual fireworks booth. Formal presentation of scholarships will be made by Rotarians during commencement events in June 2015. Recipients will also be recognized at a Rotary Club meeting. Scholarship recipients will be announced in press releases to local newspapers, blogs, newsletters, etc. This publicity will enhance the profile of Rotary in the local community, reinforce the community's awareness of Rotary activities, and underscore Rotary's support for educational excellence and community service in La Mirada.

# 2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?

Approximately 15 Rotarians participated in various portions of the Rotary Club's scholarship project.

# 3. What did they do? Give at least two specific examples.

Members worked for several days to raise funds at the fireworks booth, planned the scholarship program, prepared and distributed application forms, spoke with students, attended the Community Foundation's meetings, and reviewed student applications.

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

Five students were selected to receive Rotary scholarships to assist with their pursuit of higher education. While these students will directly benefit from these scholarships, their families, friends and their community at large will also benefit. It is also likely that future generations will also benefit from their attainment of educational goals.

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

By helping students further their educations it is anticipated that these scholarship will serve to enhance the lives of these students and their families. It is also anticipated that their communities will benefit from having better educated and more involved citizens.

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

The City of La Mirada assisted with the distribution of scholarship materials to participants in Its programs, and the Norwalk-La Mirada School District permitted the distribution of scholarship materials on campus.

## Financial Report - Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

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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.

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