

**District Grant Report**

Rotary Club: GARDEN GROVE

Project Title: FRIENDS OF JOSEPHINE HOUSE (PROJECT P-736) – PROGRESS REPORT

☒ Progress Report #2 ☐ Final Report

**1. Briefly describe the project. What was done, when and where did project activities take place, and who were the beneficiaries?**

Feeding veterans; sponsoring special events centered around holidays and other notable events; provide personal items for 22 residents living in the facility; sponsor (adopt) a Veteran and provide personal necessities; address and assist in fixing facility repairs and maintenance concerns as they arise.

To-date we have sponsored four (4) holiday/special day events from 12/14 through April 2015. All sponsorships took place at Josephine House and the beneficiaries of our sponsorships were 22+ Veterans who reside at the facility. We also provided towel sets for the residents (holiday gift) as well as personal hygiene gift bags. We anticipate one final dinner sponsorship around Memorial Day and have recently purchased more towel sets and various kitchen items for the residents. We anticipate exhausting the remaining funds in our Matching Grant on or before 5/31/15.

**2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?**

Typically 2-3 Rotarians do the shopping for our Vets; 2-6 attend the dinners and social events which are held monthly.

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

Rotarians shop for needed items. Lists are provided by on-site managers and other supporters of the House. We serve food at the monthly dinners and help clean up after. We talk to the Vets and let them know about Rotary and why we are there. We show our appreciation of their service to our country by thanking them and letting them know that we care. We provide not only personal items for the residents but kitchen and food prep. Items to ensure they are eating in a sanitary environment.

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

In addition to 22-24 Veterans (residents at Josephine House), other non-Rotarians who benefited are 1-2 (volunteer) cooks who partake in the food and beverages at each dinner. They also engage the Vets in conversation and we have made some new friendships with those supporters. From time to time some Josephine Staff will be present (House "Manager") who also partakes of the food. Non-food items are used exclusively by the residents and no one else benefits from those or the gift bags.

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

These men know about Rotary – more than they ever knew about it before. They know how we are instrumental in eradicating polio and how we have provided a service to the world community – much as they have. It is amazing to see how they have opened up to us. Some of the Vets were – when we initially met them and introduced ourselves – were reluctant to get to know us. Some of them didn't even come out of their rooms to meet and greet us. Many of them are dealing with post traumatic stress issues. They thought we were a "fly-by-night" group of do-gooders who wouldn't be there to support them more than one or two times. Since that time, many of the Vets have become more social when we are there. They greet us; they engage us in conversation and they eat with us. They have smiles on their faces when we arrive and when we leave they hug us and shake our hands. We are achieving our goal of not only providing them with some long overdue help but also – and most importantly – we are giving them their smiles back!

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

We have not teamed up with any other group but several individuals lead by a local realtor have helped with many of the "operational" issues that come up prior to a dinner gathering. They plan the menu, provide entertainment, and get tables, etc. in order. They are sort of the "organizers" and pave the way for us to provide the fixins'.

**Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!****7. Income**

Amount

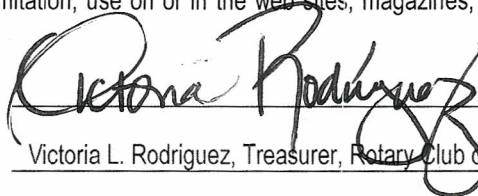
1. District Grant funds approved by the District	\$1,500
2. Club contribution	\$1,500
3. Other funding (specify)	\$ 0
<b>Total Project Income</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>

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

1. Bath towel sets for 22 residents and soda & water purchases for holiday dinner (11/20/14)	\$323.95
2. Food and serving/roasting pans for holiday dinner. Gift purchase for adoptee (12/15/14, 12/16/14, 12/17/14)	\$326.48
3. Food for Valentine's Day Dinner (2/16/15, 2/17/15)	\$188.90
4. Personal items for St. Patrick's Day gift bags (2/17/15). Food and beverage costs for dinner.	\$270.51
5. Assessed plumbing problem; main line camera inspection to determine cause (2/11/15)	\$360.00
6. 2 <sup>nd</sup> set of towels; utensils; laundry soap; glasses; plates & bowls; kitchen towels	\$712.36
7. Food & beverages for "welcome Spring" dinner on 4/23/15	\$125.99
<b>Total Project Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,308.19</b>

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: May 13, 2015

Print name, Rotary title, and club

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