

District Grant Report

Rotary Club: AVALON, SANTA CATALINA ISLAND

Project Title: BOAT TICKETS FOR MEDICAL CARE

Progress Report Final Report

- Briefly describe the project. What was done, when and where did project activities take place, and who were the beneficiaries?
- How many Rotarians participated in the project?
- What did they do? Please give at least two examples.
- How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project?
- What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project?
- If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?

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Financial Report - Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income	Amount
1. District Grant funds approved by the District	2000.00
2. Club contribution	2000.00
3. Other funding (specify) <u>CASH DONATION FOR FARE DIFFERENCE</u>	18.25
Total Project Income	4018.25

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

10-23-2015	1. CATALINA EXPRESS GIFT CARDS FOR BOAT TRAVEL	1000.00
12-14-2015	2. CATALINA EXPRESS GIFT CARDS FOR BOAT TRAVEL	1000.00
2-11-2016	3. CATALINA EXPRESS GIFT CARDS FOR BOAT TRAVEL	1005.25
3-24-2016	4. CATALINA EXPRESS GIFT CARDS FOR BOAT TRAVEL	1013.00
	5.	
	6.	
	Total Project Expenditures	4018.25

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: Rita Ann Whitaker Date: 5/5/2016

Print name, Rotary title, and club: RITA ANN WHITAKER, COMMITTEE CHAIR, AVALON
SANTA CATALINA

**DISTRICT GRANT FINAL REPORT
ROTARY CLUB OF AVALON**

Project Description:

1). Due to geography and limited medical resources, the residents of Catalina Island must travel, by passenger boat, to the mainland for specialized medical care. The Catalina Island Medical Center and Clinic has a rural facility designation that is staffed primarily by family practice physicians. Residents of our community that require consultation with specialists, additional diagnostic testing, and/or surgery must travel to the mainland for their consultations and follow up care. In addition, several of our community residents are chronic dialysis patients or cancer patients needing frequent, sometimes daily trips to the mainland to receive their chemotherapy or radiation.

The Medical Transportation Grant Committee included 11 Avalon Rotarians. The Committee Chair met with the Catalina Island Medical Center business office and Social Services Department. It was decided that the Social Services department and Medical Staff would screen and validate patients that had referrals to the mainland for medical care. The Catalina Island Medical Center business office would do financial screening for potential grant recipients. To maintain health record privacy (HIPPA) of the recipients; the Rotarians were not given any specific medical information on the recipient's diagnosis. Details of the District Grant were announced to the physicians and the nurse practitioners at a hospital "Medical Staff" meeting. Our club's Public Relation's Chair wrote an article about the transportation grant (see enclosed) and submitted it to both local newspapers: the Catalina Islander and Avalon Bay News. Committee members met with the manager of the Catalina Express Avalon office to discuss ticketing policy. It was decided that gift cards with the Rotary Emblem be provided to the recipients to be exchanged for boat tickets. Catalina Express staff was instructed that the patient for their transportation for medical care could only use the gift cards, with the Rotary emblem. A letter was composed by a member of the Medical Transportation Grant Committee and translated into Spanish since some of our recipients do not have English as their primary language (see enclosed

samples). A copy of this letter on Rotary Letterhead was placed in an envelope with each gift card. A member of the Social services department would contact the Committee chair when a qualifying patient had an appointment scheduled. The recipient would be contacted by a member of the Committee to arrange a time and place for the letter and gift card to be presented.

Beneficiaries of the grant were Avalon community members who required medical travel to the mainland. Examples included diagnostic testing, surgery, consultation with medical specialists, radiation, chemotherapy, radiation for cancer treatment, and kidney dialysis. With the median per capita income of Avalon being \$26,000 annually, many patients qualified based on the medical center business office criteria for "charity care".

2). 11 Avalon Rotarians comprised our Medical Transportation Grant Committee.

3). Committee tasks completed:

- a). Composed and submitted articles for the Local newspapers.
- b). Attended meetings with Catalina Island Medical Center and Catalina Express.
- c). Composed a letter for each recipient explaining the grant and what Rotary Club does.
- d). Dispensed gift cards to recipients at a mutually agreeable location.
- e). Provided transportation in their vehicles to and/or from the patient's home to the Avalon Boat Terminal when recipient's requested.

4). 21 local adults and children benefitted from this grant. Several of these recipients qualified for and received multiple gift cards. A total of 42 gift cards were purchased with the grant funds. In total, 83 round trip boat fares were purchased for medical travel. There was a fare reduction early in 2016 by Catalina Express. The cost of the subsidized commuter books (5 round trip tickets) dropped from \$192.50 to \$182.50 and the adult round trip fare dropped from \$74.50 to \$72.00. Subsidized commuter books cards were issued by the City of Avalon to qualifying residents who were traveling frequently on a regular basis for their medical care.

5). Beneficiaries received medical care and treatments not available on Catalina Island. This will hopefully increase longevity and improve the quality of life for the grant

recipients of our community. With Rotary International's focus on family, this grant helped ease some of the financial burden of the cost of travel. Many of our recipients were the primary breadwinners of their family and unable to work during their treatments or medical appointments. Often the Rotarians dispensing the gift cards had occasion to meet, not only the recipients but their families as well. I feel the interaction of the grant committee and the community at large had a positive effect on spreading Rotary's message.

6). See #1.

Catalina Island Medical Center: Medical and Financial Screening of Potential Recipients.

Catalina Express: Working with Transportation Grant Committee to Purchase Transportation to Qualifying Recipients.

Financial Report: See attached receipts.

ROTARY BOAT TICKET REQUIREMENTS

(Based on available funds)

1. Must prove financial need.
2. Must bring check stubs for three months, bank statements, last year's tax return.
3. Based on availability to be eligible for a book must have 3 or more appointments confirmed within a 30 day period.
4. Must give 2 weeks advanced notice prior to appointment date.
5. Must provide Doctor's name and appointment times.

I will only use Rotary tickets or Rotary commuter books for doctor appointments for myself.

Name

Date

Rotary



This Catalina Express Transportation has been provided by funds raised the Rotary Club of Avalon and a matching grant with Rotary District 5320. The Rotary Club of Avalon applied for and received this matching grant to assist qualifying community members with the cost of boat transportation for medical or social services that are not available on the island.

The Rotary Club of Avalon is just one of over 32,000 Rotary Clubs around the world in over 200 countries. All are dedicated to the creed of "service above self." Rotary International was founded in 1905 as both a business networking and community service organization. Avalon Rotary offers its membership a chance to network with local business leaders as well as offer community service opportunities for our Island, as well as projects such as feeding the hungry or contributing to International efforts to eradicate polio.

Avalon Rotary actively contributes to the betterment of our Island community by donating to local community charities. Avalon Rotary raises money through its fundraisers to contribute to local residents for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, offer local Avalon High School students' scholarships, and support projects at the Catalina Island Museum, the Avalon Schools, the Avalon Veterinary Clinic and the Catalina Island Medical Center. In addition, Avalon Rotary Club supports international aid to Mexico and supports Rotary International's End Polio Now Campaign.

Avalon Rotary is a vibrant group of community leaders and business people united in their belief that working together, they can make the world a better place. We meet on Wednesdays, at noon, at M Restaurant, to enjoy fellowship, extraordinary food, informative guest speakers and plan our community and international service projects. Visiting Rotarians are always welcome. Rotary is the world's premier international humanitarian service organization with 1.2 million members in over 200 countries. All share a mission of advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

In addition to providing the boat transportation to the mainland, the Rotary Club of Avalon is available to provide transportation here on the island to and/or from the boat dock. Please feel free to contact Rita Whitaker, Club President for any questions or to coordinate assistance from our club. She can be reached at 858-663-1879.

Thank You for this Opportunity to Help,
Rotary Club of Avalon
Medical Transportation Committee

Rotary



El transporte de Catalina Express ha sido proporcionado por los fondos recaudados por el Club de Rotarios de Avalon (Rotary Club of Avalon) y una donación que es igualada por el Distrito de Rotarios 5320 (Rotary District). El Club de Rotarios de Avalon solicitan y reciben esta donación, para asistir a miembros de la comunidad que califiquen para esta ayuda del costo de la transportacion del barco para los servicios médicos o servicios sociales que no están disponibles en la Isla.

El Club de Rotarios de Avalon recaudan dinero a través de sus recaudadores de fondos para contribuir a los residentes locales para el día de acción de gracias y la Navidad, Ofrece becas a los estudiantes locales de la Preparatoria de Avalon, y ayudan a los proyectos del Museo, de la Escuela, de la Clinica Veterinaria y del Centro Médico de la Isla Catalina. Los Rotarios de Avalon también organizan y recaudan fondos para la participación de la banda popular Trojan del USC para el desfile del 4 de Julio. En adición el Club de Rotarios de Avalon apoya la ayuda internacional a México y Haití.

El Club de Rotarios de Avalon es uno de los 32,000 Clubs de Rotarios alrededor del mundo en más de 200 países. Todos están dedicados al credo de "Servir antes de su propio servicio". Los Rotarios Internacionales fueron fundados en 1905 como un establecimiento de una red de negocios y organización del servicio comunitario. Los Rotarios de Avalon ofrecen a sus miembros una oportunidad de red con los líderes de los negocios locales en nuestra Isla. Así como también proyectos tales como alimentación del hambriento o contribuir a esfuerzos internacionales para erradicar la polio.

Además de proporcionar el transporte del barco a tierra firme, el Club de Rotarios de Avalon esta disponible para proveer transportacion aquí en la Isla hacia o del muelle del barco. Por favor no dude en ponerse en contacto con Rita Whitaker, para cualquier pregunta o para coordinar ayuda de nuestro club. Puede llamarme al 1- 858-663-1879.

Gracias por esta oportunidad de ayudar,

Club de Rotarios de Avalon

Comité Transportacion Médica



Catalina Express
CatalinaExpress.com

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