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District Grant Final Report 2018-2019

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District Grant # P-1703

Rotary Club: Rotary Club of Estes Park

Project Title: Amaro Tan Summer Camp

Project Description:

1. Briefly describe the project. What was done and where did the project activities take place? Explain how the beneficiaries and other community members were involved?

This grant funded the Amaro Tan School's August 2018 summer day camp. Amaro Tan is a school, grades kindergarten through 9th grade, for at-risk Roma children in the southeastern Albanian city of Pogradec. During the school year, Amaro Tan provides 140 children not only with the opportunity to learn, but two hot meals a day and access to an array of other humanitarian and social services.

Camp extends these essential services during the long summer break, ensuring that the children can have fun, play and just be kids in a wholesome environment. This year, 52 children were picked up at home daily for two weeks and brought to the campus of Nehemiah Gateway. They were fed breakfast and lunch (the biggest meal of the day, in Albania) and they enjoyed a variety of facilitated, developmentally appropriate games and activities. On the last day of camp, they went on a field trip to Drilon National Park, a popular tourist site on the outskirts of Pogradec that most of them had never had the opportunity to visit.

The camp was run by Amaro Tan staff, as well as Nehemiah Gateway staff and volunteers.

2. How many Rotarians participated in this project? N/A
3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples. N/A

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

The 52 children who attended camp were the primary beneficiaries, although the Amaro Tan staff also enjoy having this opportunity to interact with the students in a relaxed, outdoor setting.

5. Who are the beneficiaries and what is the expected long-term community impact of this project?

The beneficiaries are the students of the Amaro Tan School who attend the camp. Camp is important because it reduces the risk of attrition among students from extremely poor families. Many Roma children are trapped in menial labor from a young age, which provides their families with some short-term benefit but ultimately deprives the children of opportunities for education. Without education, they will be trapped in the same impoverished circumstances as their parents when they grow up. In summer, when children are out of school for over two months, they may be compelled to beg or pick trash. Camp helps their families and keep students connected with the school, reducing the risk of attrition.

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

Nehemiah Gateway (NG) is an international humanitarian organization, based in Pogradec, Albania, that runs the Amaro Tan School. Camp this year was held at the main NG campus, which has lovely open green spaces, ample shade, and a cafeteria that prepared excellent meals every day for the children. NG also provided transport to and from camp with its school buses.

7. Income:

Income Source	Amount
Rotary Club of Estes Park	\$2,000
Rotary District 5440	\$2,000
Nehemiah Gateway USA	\$2,000
Total Project Income	\$6,000

8. Expenditures: (number receipts starting with 1 and indicate a receipt # (s) for each expenditure) (Do not include travel expenses)

If international project convert amounts to US dollars	Receipt # (s)	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount
Transportation	(1)	\$ 500	\$ 443.22
Food (breakfast and lunch)	(1)	\$5,000	\$1,413.39
Materials for daily activities	(1)	\$ 500	\$ 184.76
Staff time (9 teachers, 1 social worker, Nehemiah Gateway administrative support)	(1)	N/A	\$4,125.00
Total project expenditures		\$6,000	\$6,166.37

(1) See report attached

9. Please explain any variance of more than 5% between the budgeted amount and the actual amount including the reason for the variance and why the alternative was chosen.

Between the time the application was submitted and the start of camp, the decision was made to hold Amaro Tan summer camp at the Nehemiah Gateway campus in Buçimas, instead of conducting activities at various city parks in the Pogradec area. One of the benefits of holding camp at Buçimas was ready access to clean water and the Nehemiah Gateway cafeteria. The cafeteria feeds the students of a K-12 school daily in season, and they were able to provide better meals at a much lower price than if Amaro Tan had had to create picnic breakfasts and lunches daily. Note that the initial \$5,000 proposed food budget was probably high. The decision to hold activities on campus also meant lower transportation costs and less need for equipment and supplies. We have included staff time for the duration of the camp because this was an additional, necessary expense that was not included in the initial budget.

10. Project score (5=strongly, 4=agree, 3= neutral, 2=disagree, 1=strongly disagree)

	Project Score	Comments
The overall project was successful	5	
The grant process worked well	5	
My interaction with partner clubs was good	5	
We achieved the results we expected	5	

11. Did you upload photos in your project on matchinggrants.org under the Photos tab? (If not, please do so)

Photos attached with this report.

12. What worked well on this project and why?

This year, we held Amaro Tan Summer Camp at the Nehemiah Gateway campus, instead of in parks in Pogradec. Both students and staff were happy with the change. Shade and water were readily accessible—appreciated in one of the hottest months of the year—and the food, freshly prepared by Nehemiah Gateway’s cafeteria staff, was described as “delicious” by the students. The Nehemiah Gateway campus also has a very nice playground, which was pleasant for the children to play on.

13. What did not work well and how would you suggest improving it?

Amaro Tan has held this camp for several years now, and staff have gradually refined their approach. We feel that the camp was successful.

14. How was this project publicized?

Nehemiah Gateway publicized the summer camp in all its publications, including its newsletter, *Compact*, websites in the US, Germany, and Albania, and via social media on NG’s Facebook page.

Project Inventory

Please list all items provided in this grant that are over \$75 in value and are not expendable.

Item Purchased	Date of Purchase	Cost	Destination/ Location	Comments

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 the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures are attached. 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 to the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant the District, RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or in the future, through the District and the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or developed. This includes the right to modify the photographs as necessary in the District's and 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 the District, RI, and TRF.

Please attach all receipts or an invoice and a copy of the check used to pay the invoice. Funds over \$100 not used must be returned to the district grants treasurer.

Certifying signature of primary contact Jack Boatman Date: 11/17/18

Print name Jack Boatman

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Amaro Tan Non-Public School
Pogradec
Educational Project of Nehemiah Gateway Albania Foundation

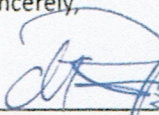
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Expenses for Amaro Tan Summer Camp 2018

Item	Cost Lek	Cost USD
Transportation	48000	443.22
Food (breakfast and lunch)	153000	1413.39
Other (Materials for games and activities)	20000	184.76
Staff time (9 teachers, 1 social worker, NG administrative support)	446531	4,125
total	667531	\$6166.37

This represents the total costs for Amaro Tan Summer Camp, Summer 2018, sponsored by Rotary Club of Estes Park, Rotary District 5440, and Nehemiah Gateway USA.

Sincerely,


Marin Piqoni
Director
Amaro Tan School

