

## 2017 - 2018 District Grant Final

### Report

**Final reports are due within 30 days of the project ending, and no later than June 15, 2018.**

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Rotary Club    \_Naperville, IL\_\_\_\_\_    District Grant #P1957

Project Title    Jazz as Therapy

Program \_\_\_\_\_

1. Briefly describe the project. What was done, when and where did project activities take place, and who were the beneficiaries? List any changes that might have occurred.  
2/24/18- A world renowned jazz violinist, Regina Carter, was contracted to perform at North Central College (NCC), Naperville on 2/24/18. Ms. Carter specializes in providing jazz as a healing therapy tool in conjunction with her concert performances, focusing on small groups of special needs populations, such as autism, PTSD, behavioral disorders, etc. Ms. Carter led a therapy class in onsite rehearsal room at NCC prior to her evening performance that day, applying healing therapy for eating disorder and autistic students as well as technique training for teachers in residence. An artist reception hosted and staffed by Rotarians was held post performance with refreshments and literature about Rotary and the Jazz as Therapy project. Ms. Carter and her band attended and talked with guests about the benefits of jazz therapy. On 4/24/18, 42 autistic students from Little Friends, Inc. in Naperville along with 25 teachers completed a 2 hour pilot program modeled after the previous 2/24/18 example. The students took part in the live rehearsal of the NCC Jazz Faculty in campus rehearsal room, while Rotarians and staff from school observed the very successful and profound session. Nonverbal students sang. Students with severe attention deficit relaxed and enjoyed the calm. The pilot project was successfully complete. Jack Mouse and Janice Borla, NCCJazz Faculty leaders agreed to take this pilot program and make it a sustainable ongoing therapy program for all students of the Little Friends School for Autism, with a projected start date of mid August 2018 for the ongoing therapy program. A concert will be presented to the public in November 2018, and will be a culmination of the weekly therapy sessions/rehearsals and will feature collaboration between the NCC Jazz Band and the students. We are thrilled to see this program become sustainable and even more successful than we had imagined. Moved by the profound nature of the positive outcome of the pilot, future plans have been discussed to continue the therapy project through a local foundation run by the two NCC instructors, for even further sustainability.
2. How many Rotarians participated in the project? 12 from two different Naperville clubs, plus 2 Rotaractors from North Central College.
3. What did they do? Please give at least 2 examples. Naperville Rotarians participated in an exploratory committee, exploring ways to approach the clinician led therapy with a strategic plan before approaching Ms. Carter to begin the process with a partnership between the special needs community and the therapy plan. Rotarians and Rotaractors acted as hosts for the reception featuring Jazz Violinist Regina Carter. Rotarians had a series of meetings with the jazz faculty regarding the planning of the pilot program and also the sustainability program continuing from the completed pilot program.
4. How many non-Rotarians benefitted from this project? 45 Special Needs Students, 25 Instructors/ Teachers, and over 100 concert attendees who learned about the Rotary involvement in the project from Rotary literature and brochures .

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