



District Grant Report

Rotary Club: The Rotary Club of Irvine

Project Title: Mercy House Welcome Baskets

Progress Report Final Report

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

Purchased, collected donations and filled 15 baskets with essential items needed for a first apartment. The beneficiaries of these baskets are clients of Mercy House and were previously homeless. The items have been purchased, the date of the actual event will take place on May 22, 2021 at San Leandro Park, Irvine, CA. Finished baskets to be delivered to Mercy House on May 24.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?

Anticipate 10 to 15 Rotarians to participate in project.

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

Shop, purchase and fill baskets with essential items such as cookware, dishes, cleaning products, and other items needed those who are moving into their first apartment/home..

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

15 baskets will be distributed to 15 clients of Mercy House moving into their first apartment.

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

End homelessness

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

About Mercy House

In 1988, Father Jerome T. Karcher met a young man who was living on the streets in an abandoned garage. He felt so moved by the young man's situation that he sought out a response to the local concern of homelessness. This was when he began Mercy House.

Now, thirty years later, we provide services to 1,500 at-risk and homeless individuals and families annually throughout seven counties in California and Arizona. What started as a dream to serve one of the most vulnerable populations in Orange County has now served over 100,000 homeless individuals.

Mercy House provides dignified housing and comprehensive supportive services to a wide variety of homeless subpopulations including, but not limited to, adult men and women, families, mothers and their children, veterans, chronically homeless individuals, persons living with HIV/AIDS, individuals overcoming substance addictions, and those who are both physically and/or mentally disabled.

We strive to assist our residents in the areas of economic, emotional, and spiritual well-being to enhance self-esteem as well as a sense of pride. We value accountability, integrity, and self-sufficiency. Mercy House is grounded in the belief that

every person is born with inherent dignity and that homelessness is an affront to that dignity.

Our Goal is Simple: To end the cycle of homelessness of those who enter our system of care.

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income	Amount
1. District Grant funds approved by the District	1000.00
2. Club contribution	840.88
3. Other funding (specify)	
Total Project Income	1840.88

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

1. flatware, toilet brush, kitchen ware, towels, door mat, dinnerware, bath towels, glasses, tray, dust pan	1227.89
2. 15 laundry basket	463.14
3. fry pan, cookware	299.70
4.	
5.	
6. cookware returned	-149.85
Total Project Expenditures	1840.88

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: _____

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