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RCCSE Grant Report

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Original Project Description: We will use all of the money from our district grant to purchase masks, handmade by a Rotaract member in Nigeria, West Africa. We have negotiated a price that will enable us to purchase approximately 120 masks. Total number of masks depends on cost of shipping. We will away approximately 20 masks to first responders in Chicago, the remaining masks will be sold as a fundraiser for additional COVID-19 relief (hospital and homeless shelter lunch deliveries, food pantry deliveries and other related work).

Project Implementation: After submitting the grant, two members of RCCSE were able to travel to Ghana. Because of that unique and timely opportunity, we took the opportunity to pivot and rather than giving away masks to only first responders in the US, we were able to quickly organize an even in Ghana, to give away masks to children in the community of Jamestown. The district is significant in the history of Accra which replaced Cape Coast as the capital of Gold Coast (British colony) in 1876. These days, Jamestown is an impoverished fishing community in Accra, where the children are in great need of resources and support. On Tuesday, October 27, 2020 RCCSE President, Masah SamForay, and Kenye SamForay partnered with Rotary Club Accra-Dansoman to give away two hundred masks in the community of Jamestown, Accra, Ghana. 100 masks were from the lot purchased by RCCSE, and RCCSE matched the donation for a total of 200 masks.

Behind the Masks: This mask was crafted Emmanuella Yetunde Owoyemi, a young Nigerian entrepreneur and fashion designer, whose decision to produce face masks was both out of the necessity and need for personal protection equipment worldwide, and from Yetunde's commitment to service. For Emmanuella, the decision to produce face masks was both out of the necessity and need for Personal Protection Equipment worldwide, and from Yetunde's commitment to service, a core element of her character as a Rotaractor. Yetunde was introduced to Rotaract by a friend while at University. She became one of the Charter Members of the Rotaract Club of Iju Ishaga, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Olambe and a part of Rotary International District 9110, which covers the Greater Lagos Region of Nigeria. Due to Yetunde's tireless commitment to Service Above Self, she serves as the Club President for Rotary Year 2020-2021 under the International theme "Rotary Opens Opportunities". Because of your generous purchase of this mask, you are not only saving lives, but investing in entrepreneurship and vocational training in Africa.

THE ROTARY 4 WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?