



DISTRICT GRANT PROJECT PROPOSAL

Foundation for Proposal

For over 100 years, the Rotary Motto has been “Service Above Self.” Rotary strives to live-out this motto through its Avenues of Service directed to meaningful “Causes”.

Under the “Community Services” Cause on the Rotary District 5320 website is the following:

Once described as the “heartbeat of Rotary,” Community Service is a multi-pronged effort to improve the quality of life in Southern California. Rotarians have long been making substantial and lasting contributions to their communities. To a large extent, Rotary’s reputation is built on the Community Service projects undertaken by Rotarians.

With that in mind, we are pleased to propose a grant project that improves the quality of life for homeless individuals and families by providing much needed equipment used to prepare and serve food to those so unfortunate, and to sanitize the area.

PROJECT TITLE

The Mary’s Kitchen Equipment Grant

Goal

To facilitate the provision of much needed food to the homeless by updating kitchen equipment used to prepare and serve the food, and to maintain a healthy environment for the homeless by sanitizing the entire area on a regular basis.

Background

About the Recipient

In 1984, an 82 year old Mary McAnena, founder of Mary's Kitchen helped a homeless women in Hart Park, Orange, California. She found her calling and dedicated herself in any way possible to help those less fortunate. Mary's dream soon became a reality and Mary's Kitchen was born.

Mary's home became the headquarters of a communal effort to give. Her small four-burner stove had never seen such traffic as volunteer's helped with cooking. They transported food to Hart park and served the men, women, and children who were homeless and in dire need. In 1994, ten years later, the kitchen moved to its present home on 517 West Struck, Ave in Orange, California.

Mary's Kitchen is powered by hard working volunteers who deeply care. Financial support is provided by way of donations from individual, students, churches, local corporations/small businesses, and grocery stores.

On a daily basis the kitchen sees an average of 200 hungry people. Mary knew that beyond food they hungered for respect, dignity, and connection. With grace, humor and warmth she consistently gave them all of that and more.

For years, the Rotary Club of Villa Park has volunteered at Mary's Kitchen, often with about a dozen Rotarians volunteering their time to prepare and serve food to the homeless. We do this several times a year.

About the Equipment

Kitchen Equipment - Mary's Kitchen has kitchen equipment used to store food, cook food, and serve food. As one can imagine, with the passage of time, much of that equipment becomes unusable and must be replaced.

Some of the equipment used includes cookware such as crock pots and rice makers. Also, Mary's Kitchen relies upon ice makers for making ice to keep certain foods cold, and serving carts to bring the food from the kitchen to the homeless outside.

An important aspect of serving the homeless is providing a healthy environment for the homeless to gather. That is particularly true given the COVID situation. A piece of much needed equipment is an electric sprayer that would permit Mary's Kitchen to spray sanitizing liquid on all surfaces that the homeless come in contact with, including the ground that the homeless lie down or sit on, and the areas where they congregate.

Proposal

This grant proposal seeks funding to permit the Rotary Club of Villa Park to acquire much needed equipment to permit Mary's Kitchen to continue its support of the homeless.

Cost(s)

Total amount-**\$3,979.20** - broken down as follows:

1. Winware SST-40 Stainless Steel 40 Quart Stock Pot with Cover
(2 x \$126.47 + tax) (Free shipping)
https://www.amazon.com/Winware-SST-40-Stainless-Steel-Quart/dp/B001AS90CK/ref=cm_cr_arp_d_product_top?ie=UTF8
2. Manitowoc Ice UDF0140A 26"W Full Cube NEO Under-counter Ice Maker – 135 lbs/day, Air Cooled
- Accessories: water filters, caster wheels - **Please see attached document for more details.**
(1 x \$2,395.17 + tax) (Shipping \$17.74)
https://www.katom.com/399-UDF0140A161.html?gclid=CjwKCAjw2uf2BRBpEiwA31VZj1i9v_j5At99KLugfh58dXSVL0ldff3OO6nZNYRvHv9e8eZ7dHGARBoCgwUQAvD_BwE
3. Winco RC-S300 30 Cup Electric Rice Cooker w/ Hinged Cover & Stainless Body, Satin Finish, 120
(1 x \$135.71 + tax) (Shipping \$29.62)
https://www.katom.com/080-RCS300.html?gclid=CjwKCAjwk6P2BRAIEiwAfVJ0rMvZU3Esi3IOD69QTiqXFafWkcJ4XDh1Zu_HAlsY0RXrV1aZStso9xoCknUQAvD_BwE#
4. Trinity NSF 3-Tier Chrome Cart
(4 x \$74.99 + tax) (Free shipping)
<https://www.costcobusinessdelivery.com/trinity-nsf-3-tier-chrome-cart.product.11478069.html>
5. Cordless Electrostatic Handheld Sprayer
(1 x \$799 + tax) (Shipping \$49.06)
<https://www.bakersprayers.com/collections/sprayer/products/sprayer-cordless-handheld-vp200esk>

Involvement and Recognition of Rotarians

The Rotary Club of Villa Park would be involved in at least two ways. Historically, Rotarians volunteer their time at Mary's Kitchen to prepare and serve food. The photo below is from January of 2019.

Another way that Rotary Club of Villa Park would be involved is that they would procure the equipment and see to it that it is delivered to Mary's Kitchen.

