



District 6450
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2021 – 2022 District Grant P- 3905 Final Report

Final reports are due within 30 days of the project ending, and no later than June 1, 2020. Please complete this form by filling in the fields below. You must also provide a scanned copy of valid Proof of Payment (PoP) for all expenses listed. Acceptable PoPs include: cancelled checks, bank statements, bonafide itemized receipts. Once you have completed the report, please save it as a pdf document at <http://www.matchinggrants.org/district/> on the Documents tab of the project page before clicking the “Reported” button on the Administration page.

Rotary Club of Chicago Little Village _____ **District Grant #** __P-3905__

Project Title Race For Peace

- 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.**

We purchased 2 tents from Costco for our Race and some hard durable orange cones for directing race traffic to finish line and also when the route went onto the street. The Grant funds only covered \$500 of the over \$1,000 + spent, but we put it towards those expenses.

Addendum to Project Description: This grant was used to promote the fun of exercise a healthy lifestyle and healthy body. Obesity and diabetes are major health concerns for all ages in Little Village. We had 2 youth running clubs participate and several community youth organizations run and volunteer. We purchased 2 tents to protect the volunteers and runners picking up their packets and some cones to guide the runners. Our run was featured on Channel 7 news and portrayed teenagers running. We have set a date for next year! A local youth group at a local church, New Life, came out in force with about 15 runners, mostly youth. A small group of young adults said they run a lot of 5K races and said that our race was the best, because: 1) great course In a beautiful park, 2) beautiful medal and nice tee shirt 3) free food! Mi Tierra restaurant served rice, beans and scrambled eggs for runners after the race. This small group said that no other 5K race organizers provide free healthy food!

2. **How many Rotarians participated in the project?** Len Dominguez purchased the tents from Costco, 3 Rotarians from our club set up the tent and 3 Rotarians from our club(myself, Patricia Dominguez, Silver Castillo and his daughter Gigi) , and 1 from Chicago Northwest (Martha Herrera) and 3 others (a high school student, Aida from the True Value Boys and Girls Club, and a potential new member of our Club, Mina Patel and her friend Eve) all worked under one tent. Other Rotarians from the Chicago Northwest Club were under the other tent (Kathy Neumeyer, Miguel Lopez, Victor Cuellar, Erlo) overseeing Runners' belongings while they ran. These latter Rotarians also helped with other jobs at different times, as needed.
3. **What did they do?** Last year the weather for the race was so hot and sunny. We knew we needed a tent to protect the volunteers, Rotarians and the packets and documents. This year with the rain in the forecast, we purchased the tents right away.
4. **How many non-Rotarians benefitted from this project?** 100 runners who picked up their packets and all the Rotarians who were protected under the tent.
5. **What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project?** The long term community impact is more positive awareness of the Rotary Club of Chicago Little Village and protection from the weather. The short term community impact is that we had a more organized location and protection from the sun/rain. This is also a continual benefit and a sustainable one, because the tents are well made and have stakes so they will not blow away!
6. **If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?** For the race worked with Chicago Northwest and with BrickOne, a volunteer organization and also hired a race timing professional, a professional photographer, graphic

designer who came to help with packet distribution as a volunteer and a videographer.

7. **How did you share the news of your project?** We shared news of our projects through Facebook, the District Newsletter & Calendar, emails and photos. Also Channel 7 covered the event and broadcast it on their 2 evening programs. The tents were not featured in the story, Channel 7 just showed runners running in the race in the park and said they were in the race organized by the Rotary Club and that the money was going to organizations helping youth and promoting peace.

2021 – 2022 District Grant Final Report P-3905 Financial Summary – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

Total Project Income: \$500

Rotary Club of Chicago Little Village: \$250

District 6450: \$250

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