

**District Grant Report**

Rotary Club: Rotary Club of Newport-Balboa

Project Title: Backpacks for Students

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?

This was a community service project for school children from low-income families in our community to provide 360 backpacks loaded with school supplies. This project was done at our club meetings to allow as many members as possible to participate. Our final meeting to stuff and deliver the backpacks was held at the Environmental Nature Center to allow members of our community the opportunity to join in with the project. The 360 backpacks were filled with school supplies were provided to the Boys and Girls Club of Costa Mesa for storage and then distribution to the site where the backpacks would be distributed to students that had been identified by the communities facilitators at the school sites as being in need for backpacks and school supplies. The supplies were were distributed in August of 2025 at an event sponsored by IKEA and the Boys and Girls Club of Costa Mesa and the members of the Rotary Club of Newport-Balboa.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project? 65 Rotarians participated at the club meetings to assemble the contents of the backpacks. At the final event where the backpacks were assemble over 25 Rotarians participated.

3. What did they do? At the club meeting event Rotarians filled several small boxes that would hold the pencils, color crayon scissors, erasers, pens and pencils. At the final event, some of the participants opened the boxes of backpacks, removed them from their original packaging and then unzipped the backpacks so at the stations where all of the items that had been put together at the club meeting where then transferred in large storage bags to contain the items and then placed int the backpacks. The backpacks were then counted and placed in containers for storage until the distribution event.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? At least 360 children in need benefited form this project.

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project? The new backpacks loaded with school supplies will help the children feel more confident and alleviate some of the peer pressure experienced by students when they had no backpacks or hand me downs form older children. These student swill have better self-esteem, creativity and confidence.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role? The Boys and Girls Club of Costa Mesa helped us store the backpacks and transported them to the distribution event in their van. Ikea provided a safe space to allow those families that were invited by invitation only to participate not only in the backpack event, but also had access to other resources for them in their community.

**Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!**

7. Income

*Amount*

1. District Grant funds approved by the District	\$2045
2. Club contribution	\$2045
3. Other funding (specify)	
<b>Total Project Income</b>	<b>\$4090</b>

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

1. Backpacks	\$1120.16
2. Jumbo Storage Bags	\$154.08
3. Blue pens	\$79.96