



# GLOBAL GRANTS COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Use this form to report community assessment findings to The Rotary Foundation when you apply for a global grant.

Assessing the strengths, weaknesses, needs, and assets of the community you plan to help is an essential first step in designing an effective and sustainable global grant project. See [Community Assessment Tools](#) for full instructions and helpful tips.

This form will help you report the results of your community assessment, and it's required when you apply for any humanitarian or vocational training team grant. Complete a separate form for each beneficiary community (e.g., school, health care system, or village), using information that is both current and specific to each community. Remember, you can't use global grant funds to cover the cost of doing an assessment, but you can use district grant funds.

Beneficiary community or institution

Community - Torrington, WY

Groups in the community that would receive a clear, direct, and immediate benefit from the project

Families and caregivers of dementia and alzheimers patients

Beneficiaries' demographic information, if relevant to the project

The targeted dempgraphic is the caregiver/family memebers of diagnosed dementia and alzheimers patients in Goshen County, WY – the age, gender and other specific information is unknown at this time, but will span the population from youth to seniors

Who conducted the assessment? (check all that apply)

Host sponsor members

- International sponsor members
- A cooperating organization
- University
- Hospital
- Local government
- Other [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Assessment dates

Community Assessment was conducted in the form of public forum meetings open to all residents of Goshen County and held in September of 2016 and 2017 to obtain needs of local community in relation to aging populations and increased diagnosis of Alzheimer’s and Dementia. These meetings were held by the Torrington Rotary Club Satellite Group.

Additionally, Focus groups have been hosted by local citizens actively enegaged in identifying means for providing respite care for caregivers. These events have been held at the Senior Center in Torrington as well as Eastern Wyoming College on multiple occasions over the past 12 months.

What methods did you use? (check all that apply)

- Survey
- Community meeting
- Interview
- Focus group
- Asset inventory
- Community mapping
- Other [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Who from the community participated in the assessment?

The community at large, past and present caregivers, health care providers, educators and local government officials

List the community needs you identified that your project would address.

1. The need for respite care for caregivers of Alzheimer’s and Dementia patients
2. The need for intergenerational communication and understanding in order to support aging

population

3. The need for trained professionals specific to the area of Alzheimer's and Dementia

List any needs you identified that your project would not address.

1. The need for specialized equipment
2. The need for more specialized medical care
- 3.

List the community's assets, or strengths.

1. The community has multiple organizations willing to come together to take part in making a difference and implementing programs that support the aging population as well as those who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's and Dementia
2. There has been ongoing assessment and community participation specific to these needs for approximately 1.5 years in Goshen County
- 3.

Considering the needs and assets you listed, explain how you determined the project's primary goal.

During the community meetings specifically, the members of Rotary heard and listened to a call for action in providing some level of respite care for families and caregivers of loved ones who are diagnosed and living at home with Alzheimer's and Dementia, this request for assistance was repeatedly made as many families face insurance and financial struggles in paying for these types of services – they also find themselves in a serious problem identifying respite providers who are properly trained in providing high-quality care to those with specialized Alzheimer's and Dementia care needs . They also requested community education, so that communities could help support them as they dealt with these often devastating diagnosis and so that communities had the means to work empathetically with them.

How would your project's activities accomplish this goal?

The Torrington Rotary Club Satellite Group has teamed up with a local home health provider to begin developing a skilled care program to help these families caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's/dementia. The Torrington Rotary Club is seeking a grant that would provide funding to families in the community for in-home care by professional caregivers who are experienced and trained to care for individuals with Alzheimer's/dementia. The services would be provided free of charge on a voucher system that would be established through grant funds. The granted hours allow family caregivers to have a much needed break. It's an opportunity to get to their personal doctor appointments, connect with friends, or just enjoy some time to themselves all while having the peace of mind that their loved one is receiving individualized care from a skilled provider. This portion of the Dementia Friendly Community Program would look to provide 700 hours of caregiver assistance over a 24 month period. The cost per hour is through the special partnership that has been arranged by Torrington Rotary Club with local trained providers is \$20 per hour. It is estimated that vouchers will average 2 hours of care for a total possibility of approximately 350 caregivers benefitting from this service in 24 months.

The grant funds would be used to provide administrative costs for the necessary oversight of a voucher program, local program advertisements in print, radio and social media and an established number of paid hours of skilled

care for families seeking respite and assistance over a 2 year time period to allow for utilization of the newly established voucher system and develop ongoing community support to generate additional donations to secure sustainability. The administrative oversight is estimated at \$4,000 over the 24 month period.

Additionally, the Dementia Friendly Community Program would partner with the local community college to provide tuition assistance for students who wish to complete the CNA program and train in the CARES program to specialize in Alzheimer's and Dementia. The program would look to assist with CNA training costs for 10 local participants per year over a 2 year period for a total of 20 locally trained CNA's specializing dementia at \$350 per participant. Education is a key resource for providing sustainability in the project. Oversight of the CARES program for community members would also be overseen by the community education program for the first 12 months of the 24 month program with \$4,000 being provided for education staff.

Another facet of the Dementia Friendly Community project is to partner with the local school district to provide education to youth (middle school and high school age) about Alzheimer's and Dementia and develop a group that participates with and supports patients with Alzheimer's and Dementia. The youth program would be called YES - Youth Engaging Seniors. This would be an intergenerational community program where local youth would not only be educated on Alzheimer's and Dementia and how to identify with patients suffering from this diagnosis, but would also be provided the opportunity to put their skills into practice by having set times to spend with patients assisting them with the use of technology and other modern equipment so that patients have the ability to communicate with their loved ones through modern means. Fund would be provided to the school district for curriculum materials and provision of educational services and YES program oversight. Support would be provided at \$5,000 per year for a 24 month period.

As you can see, the primary focus is of the Dementia Friendly Community program is to educate on a multitude of levels that expands across generations within the community to assure sustainability and provide a lasting impact that will continue to develop and benefit the community for years to come. The culmination of these programs all targeted toward support of Alzheimer's and Dementia patients will no doubt make a difference.

What challenges have prevented the community from accomplishing the project's goals?

The primary challenge, as is with many local efforts, is financial. There needs to be a financial backing to put processes and programs into place so that they can be given an opportunity to create positive change and gain additional support through proven success.

How is the community addressing these challenges now?

There are support groups that have been in place for a few years to help provide levels of support through common ground as well as connect families with as many resources as possible. The addition of our community project geared toward Alzheimer's and Dementia would open a new level of doors for addressing these challenges more effectively.

Why are the project's activities the best way to meet this community need?

By providing the support for respite care providers in our community, we are addressing the primary concern that caregivers and family members have brought forth at the community meetings and forums. Additionally, we are incorporating a broad level of educational components to bring together a community to develop a layered approach to support and ongoing care for this population.

