

District Grant-Final Report Form 2018-19

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Return this completed form to your District Rotary Foundation Grant Sub-Committee Chair(DSGC). Do not sent this form directly to Rotary International.

Rotary Club: Abilene Wednesday

Project Number: P-2431

Project Title: Distribution of dictionaries to all 3rd grade students at Abilene Wylie Elementary School

Project Description

1. Briefly describe the project. What was done, when and where did project activities take place, and who were the beneficiaries?

The club assisted all students to become good writers, active readers and creative thinkers. In the spring of 2019, dictionaries were presented to 360 students at Wylie Elementary School, and we see a tremendous appreciation from students in receiving their own dictionary to keep. They exhibit an interest in exploring the words, as well as the other resources such as sign language. Owning their own dictionaries challenges them to learn new words as they begin to broaden their vocabularies and strengthen their reading skills.

Grant funds will be used for the purchase of the dictionaries. It is anticipated that 360 dictionaries will be distributed in the 2018-19 school year at a cost of \$2.50 each. Club members participate in putting personalized nameplates in each dictionary, as well as inserting a brief Rotary Club information flyer. Members then participate in the presentation of dictionaries to students at their school campus.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project? 25

3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.

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4: How many Noon-Rotarians participated in the project? 375

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project?

The Dictionary Project concept began in 1992 when Annie Plummer of Savannah, Georgia, gave 50 dictionaries to children who attended a school close to her home. Since its implementation in 1995, over 18 million children have received dictionaries because others saw the same need in communities all over the country. The original goal of providing dictionaries to all third-grade students in South Carolina was met in 1999. In 2002, the Wall Street Journal published a story about the project, and the Dictionary Project took on a national purpose and expanded its mission to include all 50 states.

The program is typically implemented in the third grade, since this is the age when dictionary skills are usually taught. Educators describe third grade as the time when a student transitions from learning to read to reading to learn. In working with the administrators, principal and teachers of Wylie Elementary School in Abilene, the Abilene Wednesday Rotary Club has confirmed the 3rd grade as an appropriate age to give each student a personalized dictionary.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role? The Abilene School District allowed us to go to th schools and give out the dicationries

Financial Report (District must retain receipts of all expenditures)-The two yellow cells must be the same

7. Income	Amount
1. District Grant funds received from the District	450.00
2. Other funding –Abilene Wednesday Rotary Club	450.00
3.	
Total Project Income	900.00
8. Expenditures (please be specific and add lines as needed)	
<u>The Dictionary Project</u>	900.00
Total Project Expenditures	900.00

9. By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Grant funds were spent only for eligible items in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, and that all of the information contained herein is true and accurate. I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will become the property of RI and will not be returned. I warrant that I own all rights in the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or at any time in the future, throughout the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or later developed. This includes the right to modify the photograph(s) as necessary in RI's sole discretion. This also includes, without limitation, use on or in the web sites, magazines, brochures, pamphlets, exhibitions and any other promotional materials of RI and TRF

Certifying Signature

Sharron Miles

Date: Feb 27, 2018

Print name, Rotary title, and club

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