



District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Rotary Club of Long Beach

Project Title: Feeding The Future

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?

The goal of this project was to help food insufficient students at California State University Long Beach and Long Beach City College keep their education on track by providing 1,500 bags of food (4,500 meals) that were healthful, easily prepared and could be eaten “on the run.” Hunger should not be a barrier to an education and for many it was. At CSULB alone 1 in 10 of the 37,776 enrolled students is likely to experience homelessness while on their way to a better life. Initial findings indicated that an estimated 21% to 24% are also food insecure. Nearly half of community college students are struggling with food and housing issues. 20% of those suffer from hunger and one out of eight experiencing homelessness. These issues affect their ability get their college degrees and also present challenges for daily survival.

On Saturday, October 19, 2019 over 100 Rotarians, their families and friends joined elementary students from St. Cornelius School to build 1500 “grab and go” bags, each with non-perishable breakfast, lunch, dinner and a snack for food-challenged college students. In addition to the food, the bags included napkins, cups for mixing, a fork and knife, and condiments. We also included a bookmark with the website of our Rotary Club of Long Beach Scholarship Foundation.

It was an amazing morning! I think exuberant might be the best word for it! Caring also. Everyone I spoke to thought what they were doing that morning was important ...and it was.

We were able to accomplish all this in approximately 2.5 hours that day due to the pre-planning that was done by our amazing Feeding The Future committee. We formed a 20-member planning committee to determine how, where and when to accomplish our goal. More information below

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?

100+

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

In addition to the October 19 bag filling day, a core group of 12 Rotarians over several months took on the following duties:

- (1) pricing and purchasing the food,
- (2) design and purchase of the bags,
- (3) locating a facility large enough to accommodate the bag filling day,
- (4) organizing the room and food deliveries to the site,
- (5) recruiting the 20 + supervising volunteers needed to ensure the 100+ volunteers could fill 1500 bags efficiently,
- (6) arrange for the college to pick-up or deliver to the college and (6) maintain contact with the college pantry representatives throughout the project.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project?

1,500 college students

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

Rotary Club of Long Beach has developed long-term relationships with the student needs personnel of these colleges. Evidence of this is their outreach to our Charitable Foundation during this pandemic to ask for further funding for food and essential support as students were off campus but struggling even more. We supported these grant requests. Our club and their contacts are now very aware of the food issues of college students – an awareness we did not have before and that honestly surprised most of us. Rotary Club of Long Beach intends to continue this project as part of our core support of student education.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?

St. Cornelius School was integral to our being able to fund as much quality food as we did by generously donating their auditorium, chairs, tables as well as allowing their 7th and 8th grade students participate for community service.

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income	Amount
1. District Grant funds approved by the District	7,000
2. Club contribution	7,000
3. Other funding (specify) Rotary Club of Long Beach	270.73
Total Project Income	14,270.73

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

1. Food – oatmeal, raisins, almonds, protein bars, tuna pouches, crackers, pears, peanut butter, corn, Hi protein Meat entrée, drink boxes	12,259.17
2. Condiment packets - mayo, mustard, salt, pepper, Tapatio hot sauce	218.81
3. Utensils & paper goods – spork, knife, napkins, cups	200.42
4. 1500 Rotary Club of Long Beach food bags	1,571.71
5. Bookmarks	0
6. Large Trash Bags to transport food to LBCC	28.62
Total Project Expenditures	

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. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures have been provided to the district. 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 _____ Date: _____

Print name, Rotary title, and club _____