

## 2019 – 2020 District Grant 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**      Oak Park- River Forest      **District Grant #** 3383

**Project Title**      COVID-19 FOOD PANTRY SUPPORT

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.

Due to the intense food insecurity created by the pandemic last spring and summer, our local food pantries reported that they had been forced to reduce the amount of food provided to each client, giving them far less than they require to feed their families. Our financial donations could be leveraged almost fourfold by the food pantries, as they were able to purchase these items in bulk directly from the food distributors. Our club donated \$2307 in funding from District grant to two local food pantries--Beyond Hunger (Oak Park) and Catholic Charities (Cicero) for a total of \$4614.

How many Rotarians participated in the project? 2

2. What did they do? Please give at least 2 examples.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a hands-on project was not possible. This year's grant was a straight financial donation to the food pantries. Past-President Charlie Williams reached out to the Executive Director of Beyond Hunger the food pantry located in Oak Park in April 2020, to ascertain their most pressing needs. President Sue Quinn had been contacted by a Catholic Charities Board member who lives in River Forest in early May asking for support from our Rotary Club. Quinn connected via email with the Executive Director at the Catholic Charities Food Pantry in Cicero to assess their needs.

3. How many non-Rotarians benefitted from this project?

As stated previously, our monetary donation could be leveraged almost fourfold by the food pantries. Beyond Hunger reported that our \$2307 donation created 6900 meals for their clients. Therefore, we estimate that we provided over 10,000 meals to our local communities through our total \$4614 donated to the two food pantries.

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

COVID-19 was economically devastating to many of the working poor who live in Oak Park and its surrounding communities. Many of these people lost employment in service industry jobs that were eliminated during the pandemic (such as restaurants, hotels and some retail) and as a result, were unable to feed their families. Food insecurity is a root cause of many other problems—such as health complications when choosing between buying medicine or food, loss of learning in hungry children, as well as chronic stress on individuals and families. While addressing immediate hunger is not a long-term solution to community food insecurity, our donation met vital basic needs during a time of crisis. Hopefully, by meeting hunger, we staved off further problems for the individuals and families.

5. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role? NOT APPLICABLE

6. How did you share the news of your project? Newsletter, Facebook, Instagram

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

8. <u>Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>
District Grant funds received	___\$4614___
Club contribution	_____0_____
Other funding (specify)	_____
Total Project Income	_____ \$4614 _____

9. Actual Expenditures Valid Proof of Payment must be saved in pdf on <http://www.matchinggrants.org/district/>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Expense Type</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
___7/21___	Donation_____	Beyond Hunger_____	\$2307_____
___7/20___	Donation_____	Catholic Charities_____	\$2307_____
Total Project Expenditures			_____ \$4614 _____

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