

2020 – 21 Early Childhood Education Grant Final Report

Final reports are due within 30 days of the project ending, and no later than January 31, 2021. 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 email a copy along with Proofs of Payment to DRFC Rachel Ossyra at Grants@rotary6450.net.

Rotary Club Chicago Heights-Park Forest

Project Title Early Childhood Education Grant

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 from the application.

With this grant, our club partnered with the Homewood Science Center to provide 110 STEM Kits to the Early Childhood Program which is a Pre-School in Chicago Heights that is a part of Chicago Heights School District 170. Our club assembled the kits then distributed them during the Friday, October 31 trunk-or-treat event that took place at the school located at 828 Willow Drive in Chicago Heights. These kits could be done at home with the whole family participating. The kits included a pumpkin along with a 'My Pumpkin Investigation' worksheet where you answer questions about your pumpkin. There was also a bag of M&M's that were used with a worksheet about sorting. Both of these activities were also provided in Spanish-speaking families. The application stated we would provide kits at both a Chicago Heights and Park Forest early childhood program. However, it was difficult to locate a school in Park Forest. It was decided to do one school of 100 students and add more resources to the STEM kit.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?
Eight Rotarians participated in the project.
3. What did they do? Please give at least 2 examples.
Rotarians helped decide what to put in the STEM kit then distribution of STEM kits at the trunk-or-treat event. The actual ordering and assembly of kits was done by Homewood Science Center staff out of caution given the current pandemic.
4. How many non-Rotarians benefitted from this project?
Factoring 100 students and their families we estimate that 250 benefitted from this project including families doing an activity together, working as a team and understanding important concepts of investigating and sorting at a young age.
5. What are the expected impacts of the project?
The impact of the project will take time to determine. The hope of this project was to expose pre-school students and their families STEM at an early age. The hope is they enjoy working as a team on an assignment without realizing they are learning and utilizing STEM tools.
6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?
The Homewood Science Center provided all of the materials including ordering. The major supply expense was the pumpkins. The Homewood Science Center also spent money on printing and candy for the M&M activity. Considerable staff time was spent developing and implementing this activity for 110 students.
7. How did you share the news of your project?
We posted this project on both the Rotary Club of Chicago Heights-Park Forest and Homewood Science Center newsletters and Facebook page.

2020 – 21 Early Childhood Education Grant Final Report

Financial Summary

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------|---------------|
| 8. <u>Income</u> | | <u>Amount</u> | |
| | District Grant funds received | \$500.00 | |
| | Club contribution (not required) | \$0.00 | |
| | Other funding (not required) | \$0.00 | |
| | Total Project Income | \$500.00 | |
| 9. <u>Actual Expenditures</u> | Valid Proof of Payment must be provided | | |
| | <u>Date</u> | <u>Expense Type</u> | <u>Vendor</u> |
| | 10/29/2020 | Pumpkins | Zeldenrust |
| | 10/29/2020 | M&M's | Walmart |
| | 10/29/2020 | Printing Materials | |
| | 10/29/2020 | Plastic Bags | Walmart |
| | | Total Project Expenditures | \$500.00 |

By completing this report, I confirm that my Club has spent these funds for the purposes specified in the grant application only. I agree that if the grant funds are not used and a final report and proof of payment of grant funds are not submitted by January 31, 2021, then my Club will promptly return the grant funds to the District.

I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will become the property of Rotary International (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.

Club President

Name Mary Dankowski
Date November 30, 2020
Email marydankowski@ameritech.net
Phone 708-767-2497

2nd Club Contact

Name Mark Goesel
Date December 8, 2020
Email mmg2483@yahoo.com
Phone 708-305-1859