

The Rotary Club of Chicago Little Village received a matching grant of \$400 from the District 6450. The purpose of this grant is to provide art supplies for Art Therapy for children and women who are dealing with domestic violence and served by the community organization, Mujeres Latinas en Accion, and also clothing women who have survived a sexual assault.

Our club raised the \$400 from our membership dues and other fundraisers, giving a total amount of \$800 to spend.

At Target we purchased \$572.04 worth of bras (11), underpants (8 packs of 4-6 in many sizes), 9 loose tops and 9 stretchy pants to fit a wider variety of sizes. The women typically have to leave some of their clothing as evidence for the police. Representatives of Mujeres Latinas en Accion go to the hospital when they are called after an assault has been reported and bring the clothing. Then, the woman has something clean to wear home.

Sheila put all the Target purchases on her Target credit card and we received 5% off, saving \$30!

Then we went to 2 Dollar Stores in Little Village to look for art supplies. At Family Dollar, we found a lot of lovely sketch pads (10 medium size, 10 large), colored pencils (7 boxes), multi colored modeling clay (4 boxes), coloring books for adults (2) and children (15), craft sticks, glue, glitter glue, pencils, 3 pencil sharpeners, markers (5 packs of 20) and crayons (12 packs of 24). We spent \$162.

After that, we went to lunch to celebrate Sheila's 75th birthday at member Laura Gonzalez's restaurant Nuevo Leon, just down the street from the Dollar Store.

Then, we went to Michael's to get some acrylic paint and canvases. They were having a sale, so we bought 3 packs of 10 canvases and 2 packs of 36 bottles of acrylic paint! The clerk was so helpful and made sure we got the best discounts by having us make 2 purchases, dividing up our items to get the most for the least amount of money. We came a little under budget so purchased another packet of paint brushes. We saved money because I am a member of Michaels and used some 50% and 20% coupons. We spent \$21.98 in one purchase and \$37.97 in the second and then had \$5.96 left. We purchased some more paint brushes then and Sheila covered the overage.

Gil Zamora, Director of Development and Joel Rivas, Court Advocate Supervisor for the Domestic Violence Program of Mujeres Latinas en Accion met us at their offices at 2124 W. 21st Place in Chicago and we brought all the items into the building. We took several photos also with Erika Meza, another employee of Mujeres, and another woman.

It was very fun and the weather cooperated by raining hard only when we were shopping inside!

Mujeres Latinas en Accion was very happy because they have a special program for adults coming up in a few weeks and they needed the art supplies.

One picture is in front of the building with the awning that our coalition of Chicago clubs donated!

Photos saved at: Little Village Rotary District Grant Mujeres 2018-19 Shopping 1 - 15 (minus one)