



District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Yorba Linda Sunrise Rotary

Project Title: Septic Tanks for Families

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?

Corazon Septic Tanks for Families Project 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Rotary Year

The procedure developed by the Yorba Linda Sunrise Rotary Club (YLSRC) in conjunction with Corazon over the past few years on the retrofitting and the fitting of new homes with septic tanks is as follows:

- a) Corazon utilizes its procedures to identify the families and the homes for retrofitting as per protocol used for the past several years;
- b) Rotary pays the funds into Corazon in Santa Ana California office;
- c) By law as demanded by the Mexican government the materials for the work are purchased in Mexico; Except septic tanks and certain plumbing parts that are unattainable in Baja Norte. These parts are purchased in the USA.
- d) The YLSRC members cross the border to supervise the projects where the excavation is overseen by Corazon and the primary tank placed correctly;
- e) YLSRC members which includes an engineer supervise the critical aspects of the installation to insure long term serviceability of the system and future potential maintenance.
- f) Corazon finishes the clean up around the project.
- g) YLSRC receives copies of receipts for materials purchased and photos of the completed projects.

The Covid 19 pandemic led to lockdowns and the inability to gather in groups. We were also forbidden to cross the border into Mexico. We have therefore not been able to assemble the team required to conduct installations since March 2020. We have not been able to visit for installation purposes. *However, Corazon personnel have developed their knowledge and skills to complete the work and they are ready to schedule installations again.* When a permit for groups to assemble is granted, work will again commence with virtual oversight by the YLSRC members. This means each step of the procedure will be videoed in real time and streamed to our YLSRC team during installation. Measuring tools are visible and the YLSRC team will be able to overview the work for accuracy. *Additionally the Yorba Linda team is planning on visiting the four sites for the 2019-2020 year and the 2020-2021 year as soon as the permits are granted.*

Receipts for the 2019-2020 materials are in hand. *We have submitted progress reports, but we are still waiting for permission to install the final four septic systems for the 2019-2020 Rotary year.* A progress report will be submitted. The goal remains to complete the projects as soon as possible. Prediction of timelines remains a moving target.

We therefore need to request a continued extension of timing for both the 2019-2020 year and the 2020-2021 year.

YLSRC has written a check to Corazon for the purchase of septic tanks and materials to implement the 2020-2021 installations. We are tracking progress. We are also pleased to advise that the new President of the Santa Ana office and Corazon in the USA is Mike Beverage – formerly of the Yorba Linda noon Rotary Club. We are therefore in good communications with the President. Our progress is restricted by local Mexican authorities. As soon as installations are possible, we will proceed expediting as rapidly as is feasible.

As a reminder this is the 2nd Rotary year that we are unable to take busloads of Rotarians to the Tecate region to build new homes as we have done for the past 10 years. Please note that all new Corazon homes in the Tecate area built with bathrooms are now required to have a septic system installed at the time of construction as part of the efforts to improve family health in the area. This is a direct result of the success of this initiative and the support from Matching District Grants. All funded systems will be built and the health and quality of life of the recipients will be tremendously enhanced as soon as it is humanly possible to do so.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?
At least 10 on septic systems. (50 on the house builds)

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

Engineering planning and implementation
Oversight of proper installation

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

Improved health of the entire Tecate community. Currently 22 homes are waiting for septic systems to be added. At an average of 4 persons per home, 88 people benefit directly.

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

Significant improvement in sanitation and mother and children health in the area.

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

Corazon coordinates with the community for decision as to who is to receive the septic system. They also provide personnel to implement the backbreaking work.

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income	Amount
1. District Grant funds approved by the District	
2. Club contribution	
3. Other funding (specify)	
Total Project Income	

8. Expenditures - please be specific and add lines as needed - receipts must be attached	
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
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

Ian Hicks

Date: 14 May 2021

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