

Rotary District 5495

District Grant Final Report

Project Title: Verde Valley Imagination Library

Rotary Club of: Verde Valley, Cottonwood

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Project Description

1. Briefly describe the project outcomes. What was done (in 100 words or less)?
Three Rotary Clubs each contributed funds that was matched by District Grant Funds for a total of \$9,837. These funds provided 4,492 books plus mailing through the Dollywood Foundation for children age 0-5 living in the Verde Valley. Enrolled children receive a free, age-appropriate book each month mailed directly to their home. Enrollment varies each month, however, we are currently at 1,930 enrolled. Over 2100 children were served last year.
2. When (dates) and where (city, state and country) did project activities take place?
July 1, 2021 – January 31, 2022; ongoing; Cottonwood, Camp Verde, Clarkdale, Rimrock, Cornville, Sedona, Village of Oak Creek, Jerome, Arizona
3. Who were the beneficiaries? The Verde Valley Imagination Library (VVIL) currently serves 1,930 children ages 0-5 in the Verde Valley and Sedona. These children receive an age appropriate book each month in the mail from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The VVIL promotes this program to the children of the Verde Valley in various ways, in order to increase the enrollment. We enroll children at libraries, the local hospital when children are born, and local preschools.
4. How many Rotarians participated in the project? 15+
5. What did they do? Please give at least two examples. Rotarians from all four local clubs have served on the VVIL Board. Rotarians have also assisted in Fundraising/Sponsorships.
6. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? 1,950-2000 children and their families
7. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project? The Imagination Library improves kindergarten readiness for children enrolled in the program. Assuring kindergarten readiness has a huge impact on future school success. The program will continue to promote literacy in babies and young children. The program will help to improve reading levels in our community as children attend school.

8. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role? Cooperating organizations include Northern Arizona Healthcare's Verde Valley Medical Center OB nurses, community libraries, Head Start Preschools, other local preschools, local school districts, home visitation programs; all provided promotional materials to students and community members and helped to sign up the children if this was requested

9. Financial Report (Use second page, if needed. District must receive receipts of all expenditures)

Income Amount

1. District Grant funds received from the District	\$7,378.00
2. Club funds	\$3,279.00
3. Other funding (specify) Donations Sponsorships/Donations	\$1408.45
4. Other funding (specify) Grants	Click or tap here to enter text.
Total Project Income	\$12,065.45

3. Expenditures (please be specific)

1. Books delivered to enrolled children for Aug, Sept, Oct 2021	\$12,065.45
2. Mailing fees	Click or tap here to enter text.
3. Other expenses, including	Click or tap here to enter text.
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Total Project Expenditures	\$12,065.45

Income and expenditures must balance.

Please save this form (PDF only) and upload, with all project receipts (also PDF), to the Documents section of your project page at rotarygrants.org

Photos are appreciated and may be uploaded to the photo section of your grant's page on the website.

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 the information contained herein is true and accurate.

Club President Signature: 

Date: 4/26/2022

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