

Rotary District 5495

District Grant Final Report

Due April 30, 2022 – Complete at Conclusion of Project

Project Title: Project P-3901: Outdoor Learning Environments

Rotary Club of: Phoenix West Rotary

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Project Description

1. Briefly describe the project outcomes. What was done (in 100 words or less)? Phoenix West Rotary partnered with the Osborn School District to provide equipment to enhance outdoor learning environments. With the Covid-19 pandemic, many schools found safety in providing education outside of the traditional classroom. Three elementary schools within Osborn School District identified the need to enhance their learning environments through beautification and weather proof efficiencies. A garden bench, water features, a steel outdoor bench and a sunbrella shade were purchased through the District funds.

When (dates) and where (city, state and country) did project activities take place?

Three Osborn School District Elementary schools participated in the project: Encanto Elementary, Salano Elementary and Longview Elementary. All three schools are in Phoenix, Arizona, USA. The project occurred during the 2021-2022 school year.

Who were the beneficiaries? Students and teachers from the three elementary schools identified above benefitted from the Rotary District Grant/ Phoenix West Rotary.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project? Seven Phoenix West Rotary Club Members participated in the "Done in a Day" community service project event. Additionally, two Phoenix West Rotarians played roles in coordinating the project, ensuring implementation, and other related logistics

3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples. While the initial plan was for Phoenix West Rotary to engage with all three schools to set up/build the purchased equipment for the enhanced learning environment, supply chain demands due to Covid-19 created equipment delays, therefore the club was able to only assist one of the schools. First, the club worked with the Art Teacher and students to paint computer discs to be hung from trees in the butterfly garden. The painted discs, along with butterfly friendly plants, were used to attract butterflies to the garden. Second, assisting the classrooms with hanging the discs from the trees allowed for the completion of that part of the classrooms vision for their garden.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? PK-6 students and teachers from Salono, Longview and Encanto Elementary Schools.

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project? Principals from these 3 schools identified a multitude of long-term impacts for the students. This outdoor space will provide smaller group learning opportunities, along with areas that the children can meditate, relax, reflect and gain appreciation for nature. The Stable Company produced a report from various research studies that demonstrated the following advantages to outdoor learning:
 1. Education that involves nature can boost school performance.
 2. Outdoor learning improves personal child development.
 3. Outdoor learning can improve a Childs well-being; physical, mental and emotional. Outdoor learning has proven t reduce stress in young learners.
 4. Outdoor learning connects children to nature.
 5. Outdoor learning gives children a love and appreciation of their natural surroundings.
 6. Outdoor learning can improve behaviors.
 7. Outdoor learning is more fun for teachers, boosting the enjoyment of their job.
 8. Outdoor learning provides practical experience

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

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

| 7. Actual Income | Amount |
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| 1. District Grant funds received from the District | 2050 |
| 2. Club funds | 1250 |
| 3. Other funding (specify) Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 4. Other funding (specify) Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Total Project Income | 3300.00 |

| 8. Actual Expenditures (please be specific) | Amount |
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| 1. Salono Elementary: gothic roundabout steele outdoor bench | 740.35 |
| 2. Encanto Elementary: Elite Shade sunbrella Tital outdoor patio | 1085.99 |
| 3. Longview Elementary: 2 water features and butterfly bench | 622.20 |
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| 5. Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
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| Total Project Expenditures | 2448.54 |

Income and expenditures must balance.

Please upload the completed and signed report and receipts in PDF format to the documents section of your grant page on Rotarygrants.org

Address questions to Rebecca Wilks info@drwilks.com

Photos are appreciated but not required.

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: Click or tap to enter a date. 08/16/22

Club President printed name: Susan Nicholson-Co President

Email: Click or tap here to enter text.