

District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Whittier Sunrise Rotary Club
Project Title: P-3925 - Children's Outreach Concert—Redirected to Amigos de los Rios Butterfly Gardens and Tree Planting

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?

Because of pandemic restrictions, the Children's Outreach Concert of the Whittier Regional Symphony could not be held in January. In its place, the Whittier Sunrise Rotary Club has redirected the District DDF grant of \$1,347 and our club matching funds of \$1,653 to Amigos De Los Rios.

Amigos de los Rios is a nonprofit organization whose "mission is to create an "Emerald Necklace" natural infrastructure network of green spaces (parks, trails and green schools) in underserved areas throughout the Los Angeles Basin, connecting the Mountains to the Sea, offering equitable access to nature, protecting our environment and protecting urban communities from the threats of climate change." Over the past several years, our club has worked with Amigos De Los Rios to plant trees in the Whittier Narrows Regional Park and in school green areas. In the current year we have worked with Amigos de los Rios to create butterfly gardens at local elementary schools. In these efforts, Amigos de los Rios has provided the plantings, necessary tools and instruction, and our club has made no financial contribution. We are redirecting this year's grant to Amigos in appreciation of the great support they have given us over the years.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?

Two of our members were able to work on two different butterfly garden installations. Because of pandemic concerns, our elderly members were not able to participate. In three different tree plantings over as many years, five to eight of our members participated.

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

Cleaned the area of existing brush, etc. Constructed planting beds. Planted trees and appropriate milk weed plants. Over the past year this partnership has expanded to creating butterfly gardens at local elementary schools in which several of our members were able to participate, and a garden is now being planned at California High School in Whittier with our Interact Club at that school. Separately from the grant funds, we have provided financial support in this effort by providing supplies for the construction of these gardens along with the Whittier Rotary Club.

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

All of the plantings have been in schools and public parks. The number of non-Rotarians benefiting from these installations can not be calculated, but is substantial. In addition, school children and youth and student groups, including Interact, have participated in the efforts and have thus benefited in the opportunity for service created.

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

The projects have created lasting improvements to parks and school facilities.

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

Amigos de los Rios has provided the sites, plantings, tools and instruction to ensure the appropriateness and sustainability of all plantings.

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income	Amount
1. District Grant funds approved by the District	1,347.00
2. Club contribution	1,653.00
3. Other funding (specify)	
Total Project Income	3,000.00

8. Expenditures - please be specific and add lines as needed - receipts must be attached

1. Check #102 from Whittier Sunrise Rotary Club Inc to Amigos de los Rios	1,347.00
2. Check #193 from Whittier Sunrise Rotary Club Foundation to Amigos de los Rios	1,653.00
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Total Project Expenditures	3,000.00

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

George M. Prather

Date: 5/12/2022

Print name, Rotary title, and club

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