

San Juan Capistrano Rotary District Grant Application

Projects for 2021-2022

1. Santa's Visit and Holiday Fair

San Juan Capistrano Rotary has been hosting the Santa's Visit event for many years. Children from 6 elementary schools in the city are invited to a holiday craft fair and a visit with Santa. Each child will receive an age appropriate gift from Santa. Each year 500 to 600 children eagerly attend this event, as it is the only gift many will receive for the holiday.

In addition to the 10 to 15 SJC Rotarian volunteers, there are approximately 50 middle and high school volunteers, including our local Interact club members, who provide game booths, face painting and other activities.

Funds for this project will be used to purchase toys, decorations and supplies, as well as snacks for all day Rotary volunteers. The proposed budget for this event is \$6,200.

This event will be held in mid-December.

2. Los Barriles El Anson Sports Complex Snack Bar and Eating Area

Los Barriles, Mexico, is a small town on the Baja Peninsula. The Los Barriles Rotary club supports this community, especially the children, with improvements to education facilities and health and safety projects. They have requested support from San Juan Capistrano Rotary with their El Anson Sports Complex project, specifically the Snack Bar and eating area.

The soccer and baseball fields provide a safe recreational center for youth and adults, serving the 5,000 people in the immediate Los Barriles area. The Los Barriles Rotary club has provided architectural drawings of the Snack Bar and eating area (concrete tables and benches), and have requested support of both funding and volunteers to complete the project.

San Juan Rotary members have participated in projects in Los Barriles in the past and the club has sent funding and volunteers annually. The number of volunteers from San Juan Capistrano is expected to increase over 12 members from past trips. The Los Barriles Rotary plan on full club support for the project. The work on the El Anson Sports Complex has begun. The Snack Bar and eating area are expected to be completed in the spring of 2022. Achitectural diagrams of the snack bar and eating area have been generated and are available for District review.

Funds for this project will be used to purchase the necessary supplies and equipment needed, as well as a lunch for the volunteers as necessary. The full project cost for the El Anson Sports Complex program is over \$24,000, and the Los Bariles club is getting has received funding from several organizations. The proposed budget for this project is \$3,000.

3. The Carlos Harrison Memorial Shoes for the Soul

San Juan Capistrano Rotary has been a part of the Shoes for the Soul project with the Rotary E-Club Noroeste Global in Tijuana for many years. We provide a new pair of shoes to every student at a middle school and a high school (the total number of students vary each year). The project has special meaning to San Juan Rotarians, and we have named the project the Carlos Harrison Shoes for the Soul project in memory of one of our club's great humanitarians.

At least 50 San Juan Capistrano members in addition to family and friends provide funding to purchase shoes and other items for the students of these two schools. The Rotary E-Club Noroeste Global Tijuana also has 10 to 12 volunteers who get the correct shoe sizes from the students, procure the shoes in Mexico, wrap and package the shoes. Both clubs bring 10-12 volunteers to hand out the shoes to the students.

The proposed budget for this project is \$2,000. Additional funds for this project will come directly through individual contributions

As with many clubs in Mexico, the Rotary E Club Noroeste Global Tijuana does not have a bank account. As in past years, San Juan Capistrano Rotary sends a check directly to Maurilio Melendez, the President of the club. Maurilio sends the receipt each year to San Juan Capistrano Rotary when he receives the shoes.

The shoes will be handed to the students the beginning of December.

4. Capistrano Restorative Garden and Learning Center (CRGLC) expansion

CRGLC is a garden and learning center for students from the following Capistrano Unified School District programs:

- Adult Transition Program
- Bridges Community Day School
- Continued Learning Adult Special Services

CRGLC serves as a work site for community-based activities and a therapeutic area for students with special needs grades 9 through 12 and continuing adult learners. San Juan Capistrano Rotary has worked with the CRGLC to develop the garden, and has been asked to continue its development by extending the planters out into the common area of the garden and along the fence lines. This will offer more students an opportunity to utilize the area.

In addition to the purchase and installation of the planters, CRGLC has requested Rotary volunteers to back fill these with soil. 10 or more San Juan Capistrano Rotarians are expected to assist in this effort, with the expectation that the work will be completed for the next school year.

The proposed budget for this project is \$2,000