District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Rotary Club of Signal Hill

Project Title: School Supplies for Local Students

☐ Progress Report   **X** Final Report

1. Briefly describe the project. What was done, when and where did project activities take place, and who were the beneficiaries?
Since 1964, the Rotary Club of Signal Hill brings positive actions to our community through programs implemented for local benefit. Our members are thoughtfully engaged with civic causes, programs, and events.

The funds were used by the Rotary Club of Signal Hill to help provide much-needed school supplies to over 400 students attending Alvarado Elementary School in the City of Signal Hill. Supplies were purchased from local businesses including Staples and Red Eye Media in Long Beach.

For the last 10 years, the Rotary Club of Signal Hill collaborates with school district officials to identify the most critical needs for local students attending K-8 schools in Signal Hill. These needs include providing basic school supplies such as backpacks, notebooks, paper, whiteboards, and pencils.

However with COVID-19, that mission has shifted dramatically and the needs are far greater. Items that we take for granted are beyond the reach of many family budgets - musical instruments such as egg shakers and soprano recorders, and technology support items such as earphones so that students can have more privacy during their daily online learning experience.

We understand that times are difficult, but for many more they are devastating. Receiving funds from Rotary District 5320 will help the Rotary Club of Signal Hill continue supporting the most vulnerable people in our communities.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?
Approximately 20 members, their family, and community volunteers helped with this project.

3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.
- On Sunday, 8/29/21, members helped organize a day to assemble school supplies and pack them into bags ready for distribution. A past president volunteered the use of his spacious backyard so that we could adhere to public health guidelines, such as social distancing and being outdoors. After the assembly was complete, we enjoyed some fellowship and food with members and friends alike.
- On Friday, 9/3/21, members collaborated with Alvarado Elementary School in Signal Hill, CA to distribute school supplies to over 400 students. Members invited the local newspaper Signal Tribune to cover the event. Also participating were local dignitaries including Long Beach Unified School District Board Member Doug Otto, Water Replenishment District President John Allen, Long Beach Community College District Trustee Herlinda Chico, and representatives from the offices of Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang, Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell, and the City of Signal Hill.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project?
Over 400 students attending Alvarado Elementary School in the City of Signal Hill received much-needed school supplies for the beginning of the 2021-2022 academic school year.

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project?
The COVID-19 pandemic has moved the classroom from the school campus to home. The pandemic has resulted in many parents and guardians of school age children having their work hours and compensation reduced, while others have lost their employment. Access to school supplies will be critical to these households heading into the 2021-2022 school year. The Rotary Club of Signal Hill continues in our commitment to the academic success of students attending Signal Hill-based public schools. School administrators and teachers have noted that our past school supplies donations have contributed to their ability to help their students achieve higher academic performance. The schools continue to demonstrate improvement in test scores during the years our club has been providing school supplies.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?
Staples (Store #0165) in Long Beach, CA provided significant discounts so that we could purchase school supplies without going over budget.

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income   Amount

1. District Grant funds approved by the District	$1,632
2. Club contribution	$1,594.98
3. Other funding (specify)	$0
Total Project Income	$3,226.98

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

1. School supplies from Staples (Store #0165) in Long Beach, CA	$1,993.92
2. 90 dry-erase boards, markers, & erasers from dryerase.com	$337.50
3. 50 custom branded drawstring bags from Red Eye Media in Long Beach, CA	$400
4. 40 headphones from TigerDirect.com	$495.56
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Total Project Expenditures	$3,226.98

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   Date: November 16, 2021

Print name, Rotary title, and club   Albert Chang, 2021-2022 President, Rotary Club of Signal Hill

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Signal Hill, thank you again for helping provide much-needed school supplies to over 400 students attending Alvarado Elementary School in the City of Signal Hill. We are honored to partner with you in the community!