

District Grant Application

Rotary Club of: IRVINE	Date: 06/10/2021
Project Name/Title: TRANSITION FROM HOMELESSNESS	
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1. Please provide a brief description of the project, and indicate the project beneficiaries (who is being served?):

Orange County's Housing market creates a huge gap between rentals costs and median family income. Homelessness in OC due to job loss, divorce, abuse or medical crisis creates a large number of families with children that have to face this temporary crisis. Mercy House provides housing and support services to transition these individuals into dignified housing to end homelessness.

Our project provides at minimum 15 families / individuals with the essential items needed to transition from homeless into their first home which are provided by Mercy House.

Rotarians will seek donation, shop, purchase and assemble these items into gift baskets to be given to those individuals and families who have successfully completed Mercy House's training program. These gift baskets will include kitchen and bath essentials need to transition from homelessness.

2. Indicate the project start and end dates: *(The project may not begin prior to the district receiving approval from TRF. Reimbursements for earlier expenses are not eligible. Projects must have an end date no later than the end of the Rotary year.)*

Project start date:	July 1 2021
Project end date:	June 30 2022

3. Project location (select one): **Community** **Mexico**

(If the project is in Mexico, will there be a Rotary club from Mexico involved in the project? If so, indicate the name of the Rotary club and explain the members' involvement.)

4. List the project funding amounts *(Club contribution must be equal to or greater than the amount requested from the district):*

Club contribution:	\$	1500.00
District DDF (amount requested from district):	\$	1000.00
Other participating clubs - list club name(s) and contribution amount(s) below:		
	\$	
	\$	
Grant Project - Total	\$	2500.00



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5. **Indicate whether there is other involvement and financial support** (*If non-Rotary organizations will be involved in your club project, please describe the involvement and any financial support you are receiving for the project – for example, in-kind contributions, discounts, cash donations*):

Mercy House provides housing and support services to transition homeless families and individuals into dignified housing. Mercy House partners with HomeAid Shelter facility located Orange, CA No cash or in kind contributions are expected although they may participate in the project and help distribute the baskets.

6. **Describe the participation of club members** (*Your club members must be actively involved in this project. Please indicate how many members of your club will participate in this project and describe their activities*):

We expect at least 10 Rotarians from our club and possibly other clubs to participate in the collection, shopping and assembling of the gift baskets. Members will be involved in the logistics, setup and distribution. Additionally they may participate in other activities like reading to children or any permissible social interaction. Other volunteer opportunities at Mercy House include, but not limited to: career and vocational workshops, kitchen support, emergency shelter support.

7. **Describe how funds will be safeguarded and tracked** (*If funds are to be distributed to an international partner for purchase/use in another country, who will be responsible for the funds? How will transfers of funds to international partners be handled?*):

Funds will be tracked by the Club and our Foundation treasurer and by the project lead

8. **Describe how your club will use the project funds (list the types of expenses / items to be**

purchased): Funds will be used to purchase kitchen and home essentials needed to establish a dignified home. Items to be purchased: dishes, pots/pans, towels, eating and kitchen cooking utensils, cleaning supplies. We estimate the cost of \$150.00 per basket and expect to provide about 15 families.

