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Dear DRFC Lora:

Our Club - the Rotary Club of Westchester, is the newest Club in the District, formed in December 2020. As our first International Project, we are providing much-needed school supplies to children in 5 schools in an impoverished area of the Dominican Republic.

There was much urgency as many kids were in danger of dropping out in the new school year beginning in September because of a lack of supplies. So we wanted to send at least some supplies to them. A team of 5 Club members, including myself and our International Chair are leaving tomorrow for the Dominican Republic with 14 suitcases packed with essential school supplies - backpacks, pencils, notebooks, pens, triangle ruler sets, erasers, etc, to personally distribute the first part of these supplies.

We are still in the process of collecting funds for the full project. We have organized a Raffle and have sold quite a few tickets. Once the rest of the money is raised, we hope to send more supplies for the January 2022 session.

Because we are a new Club, our fund situation is still weak. I know that the District has not yet asked for District grant applications, but we have already submitted a grant request in advance through the matching grants website. We will take care of whatever grant qualification requirements when necessary.

We sincerely hope you and the Grants Committee will kindly consider our application favorably.

Thank you.

Sincerely

Syed Alirahi  
President  
Rotary Club of Westchester.