

District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Le Mars, Iowa
Project Title: Then Feed Just One Packing Event

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?
The Le Mars Rotary Club, spouses and guests met at the TFJO Warehouse in Le Mars on January 12, 2022 to pack a pallet of life saving meals for starving children and their families in Honduras in Central America. The children are in orphanages, schools and the children's homes in Honduras.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?
Seven members of the club worked with this project and 13 spouses and friends in the community assisted with the packing.

3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.
We formed 2 packing lines with the 4 food products at the head of the line. In each line, bag holders (2) held a plastic bag under a funnel while 4 people measured and added 1 of the 4 ingredients: rice, soy, freeze-dried vegetables, and a powder of minerals and vitamins. Bags were moved further down the line to one of 2 people who weighed the package and adjusted it to the desired weight by adding or removing grains of rice. Packages were then moved further on to be heat sealed and sent to a final station where twenty meals were placed in a cardboard box, sealed and placed on a pallet. This process took 2 hours.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project?
We invited spouses and friends to join us in the packing event. Once the food packages reach their Honduras destination and are distributed, the dried food ingredients are cooked with water to make a cooked portage like food which would nourish six children. In total the Le Mars Rotary Club packed 14,256 meals for the children in the part of the world who need it most.

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project?
We have developed a relationship with the TFJO organization in Le Mars as we planned and carried out this event. The possibility to repeat this kind of project in part or in similar level certainly exists. Our project with TFJO could serve as a model of service to other groups in our community or other Rotary clubs. The TFJO organization does travel to other locations within a multi-state area upon group requests. A special label with the Rotary wheel symbol was designed to place on each box designating that the food was packaged by the Le Mars Rotary Club. Along the way, even if people can't read, they might recognize the Rotary wheel.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?
The TFJO organization served as the host site for the event. They purchased the food ingredients and packing materials and will proceed in getting the pallet to a port and the logistics of getting shipped to Honduras. They know the connections and relationships that are necessary to move the food from Le Mars to Honduras. Once in Honduras, a representative of the organization receives the pallet and begins the distribution process getting the food to those who need it most. The Le Mars Rotary Club will be informed when the food arrives at its Central American location.

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income	Amount
1. District Grant funds approved by the District	1,000
2. Club contribution	1,000
3. Other funding (specify) gift from community leader and former member	500
Total Project Income	2,500

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

1. Rice, soy, freeze-dried vegetables, powder of minerals and vitamins. Packing materials: sealable bags and cartons.	2,494
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