



## District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Rotary Club of Joliet

Project Title: Spanish Community Center Children's Day

☐ 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? According to the US Census Bureau, 34% of Joliet is Hispanic. The Spanish Community Center (a 501(c3)) was built in 1969 when there was substantial movement of the Latino population from Chicago to the suburbs. It started in someone's home and became a bilingual broker between the public system and Joliet's newest residents. The Spanish Community Center currently provides a food pantry, housing counseling, bilingual childcare for ages 2-5, immigration and legal services and well as youth baseball and softball.

Children's Day (Día del Niño) is observed in a few Latin American countries to celebrate and uplift youth. When Spanish Community Center introduced the event six years ago, the purpose was to continue the tradition in our communities, create a unique, free children-focused experience, and provide information and resources to families.

The event was held on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and over 200 children and their families attended.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project? Three Rotarians Participated in the project.

3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples. Three Rotarians are on the Board of Directors of the Spanish Community Center which approved and funded the event. The Board Chair is a Rotarian who was also present on the day of the event and he helped set up the room (for which we paid the rental) and translated English/Spanish for the bilingual families.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? Over 200 children and their families in Latinx community attended the event that day.

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project? To support the Latinx community in Joliet and foster the family and connection to their traditions.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role? The Spanish Community Center.

### Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

#### 7. Income

Amount

1. District Grant funds approved by the District	\$1000
2. Club contribution	\$240.91
3. Other funding (specify)	
<b>Total Project Income</b>	<b>\$1240.91</b>

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

1. Room rental	\$400.00
2. Food purchase	\$840.91
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
<b>Total Project Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1240.91</b>

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

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Certifying Signature

Mary K. Sheehan

Date:

6/1/23

Print name, Rotary title, and club

MARY K. SHEEHAN Rotary Club of Joliet PRESIDENT