

District 5320 Rotary Foundation Committee

District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Placentia

Project Title: Blessing Box Support

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 city Blessing Boxes are honor system food pantries where people can take food and hygiene supplies for those in need in the Placentia Community. The boxes are used on a daily basis and are important to provide sufficient supplies to prevent hunger in the community. Placentia Rotary, since the beginning of the program, has been a significant contributor to the boxes. The club also ensured that the boxes were kept sanitary and in good repair. This year, other city groups helped cover the post-Christmas holiday period. Rotary will again take the lead for the spring and summer sessions. The club also included the Veteran's Village in the program.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?

10 in planning/six executing

3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.

Approximately 10 Rotarians participated in a club assembly where the project was proposed. Since it was such a success in prior years, there was almost unanimous consent to continue the project and include the Placentia Veterans Center as well. Since there were still some supplies remaining from the previous year, the club continued to distribute supplies until they were gone. There were six members who regularly visited the boxes and delivered food purchased by the club. The club also involved Interact students who needed service hours towards their graduation requirement.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project?

Several hundred according to city officials who track the program

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project?

City residents who are hardest hit by the pandemic and worsening economy are better able to function without hunger. This enables them to remain productive community residents.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?

The Placentia Chamber of Commerce provides details of the Blessing Box Program on their website as does the city.

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income

Amount

1. District Grant funds approved by the District	1500
2. Club contribution	1502
3. Other funding (specify)	
Total Project Income	3002

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

1. Non perishable food (noodles, tuna, mac& cheese, chili, etc) 5/28	1530
2. Non perishable food (snack packs, peanut butter, crackers, vanilla wafers, etc) 5/31	916
3. Bath tissue, towels, drink boxes 06/05	343
4. Cleaning supplies 06/06	197
5. Laundry Detergent 06/15	16
6.	
Total Project Expenditures	3002



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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J Paddock".

Date: 6/15/23

Print name, Rotary title, and club

James Paddock, Project Lead – RC of Placentia