

District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Chicago Near South Grant # P-4709

Project Title: Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors

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 Rotary Club of Chicago Near South helped serve the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors, On Sunday, November 19, 2023, in the McCormick Tribune Center of Illinois Institute of Technology, for residents of senior living facilities in Bronzeville and the Near South Side. The club also raised funds to support a professional jazz trio as entertainment because one of the other sponsors was unable to fund it. This grant was also supported by a Rotary District 6450 Mental Health Grant.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?
Eight of the eleven members of our Club participated (the other three were out of town) and one member of the Chicago Lakeview Club

3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.
The Rotarians assembled the floral arrangements for tables, served the meals, greeted the visitors, checked in the volunteers, helped deliver meals to those not able to leave their residences, and raised the funds for the entertainment.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project?
100 seniors attended the dinner and another 80 received dinners in their residences, delivered by volunteers

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project?
This dinner, now in its 12th year, has brought together seniors to enjoy a high quality meal in a "restaurant" setting, supporting their mental health and reducing loneliness. Many of the guests are repeat participants, thus helping to build relationships across the community.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?
The Club partners with Illinois Institute of Technology and St. James Catholic Church in presenting the event. The university provides the food gratis through its caterer, the space, and student volunteers. The church invites the guests, organizes bus transportation, provides volunteers and provides door prizes.

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income	Amount
1. District Grant funds approved by the District	\$370
2. Club contribution	\$396.01
3. Other funding (specify) Aetna Health-\$400; Rotary Intl Dist 6450 mental health grant-\$500; member Gifts-\$200;	\$1100
Total Project Income	\$1,866.01

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

1. Vases for floral arrangements	\$15.16
2. Flowers (two receipts)	\$100.85
3. Gift Cards	\$250.00
4. Professional entertainment: Nanette Frank, A Singing Lady Production	\$1500.00
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Total Project Expenditures	\$1866.01

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