

District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary

Project Title: School Garden at RH Dana Elementary

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?

Purchase supplies and build six raised garden beds for RH Dana Elementary school in Dana Point, CA.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project? 8

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

We attended the school's Garden Committee planning meeting, provided the school with plans and supply lists for the raised beds as well as photos from an earlier raised bed build project we completed for Newhart Middle School, and brought tools for the project. We purchased the wood for the raised beds, helped build the raised beds, removed invasive plants from the garden area, and raked, shoveled and moved mulch from one area of the school to the garden area, and spread the mulch in the garden area. We also helped research additional funding sources and sent a summary to the school's Assistant Principal.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? The RH Dana Elementary Garden Committee composed of 22 parent volunteers and 2 school administration staff benefited from our help from this project, and eventually, the entire RH Dana Elementary community of 400 school children and their parents, and 19 teachers will benefit.

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project? The school plans to use the raised beds to help teach the children how produce is grown and also science-related concepts such as botany, native plants, and ecology. The school plans to use the new garden space as an "outdoor classroom," and space for children, teachers, and expert guests to gather for learning experiences for the children about nature, ecology, horticulture and animal life. Children, teachers and parents will help tend the plants and will benefit from the healing mental and physical wellness aspects of being outside in nature and caring for plants.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role? The City of Dana Point provided a volunteer and tools to help with the project.

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income Amount

1. District Grant funds approved by the District	665.00
2. Club contribution	665.00
3. Other funding (specify)	
Total Project Income	1,330.00

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

1. Planks of heart redwood for constructing the garden boxes	1,300.00
2. Additional donation for RH Dana Elementary PTA Foundation for use towards paying for the heart redwood for constructing the garden boxes. When we paid Ganahl Lumber, we mistakenly paid 1,300.00 rather than the grant amount of 1,330.00.	30.00
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Total Project Expenditures	
	1,330.00

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



Date: 6/29/24

Print name, Rotary title, and club

Stephanie Palmer, Environmental Chair, Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary