

Individual Project Final Report

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Rotary Club: Soldotna Rotary Club 101

Project Title: Guatemala Classroom Project/Changed to Nicaragua Classroom Project

Project Description

1. Describe the project. What was done, when, and where did project activities take place?

Due to concerns of club participation with Guatemala, we are hoping to move the project to Nicaragua. Due to this shift, Soldotna Rotarians will be able to implement the following project: The dump in Ciudad Sandino is a place of desperation. A community, which began sixteen years ago, was formed in response to the busing of families due to relocation efforts because of floodings and such. The community has evolved. Many survive by picking through the trash that is dumped. There, they find today's food and clothes. They also pick trying to find plastic, metal or glass to sell for recyclables. Every day, they work. Every day, they struggle to survive. They learn at a very young age that everyone must play a part. From a very young age, the children quit school both due to the inability to buy school supplies and uniforms along with the need to assist the family picking through the trash. There is a high illiteracy rate along with a high teenage pregnancy.

In February 2013, Project H.O.P.E. began a feeding program to assist the families in feeding the children in the area. Initially, this program began in partnership with the concept to provide food but quickly the other needs surfaced. A safe place for the children to play, educational activities, tutoring and literacy for adults were just a few. In October 2013, a Center was built to provide a physical building to house the evolving program. Today, the Center opens daily and provides safe, educational activities for the community along with employment for four people in the community. Last year, as a donation from the Rotary Club, computers were obtained increasing the offerings at the Center. In addition to computer and English classes, vocational classes to include sewing, cooking, pottery and jewelry making also are offered.

Due to the increased activities and future development of daily tutoring for school age and literacy classes for the adults and teenagers, an additional classroom is being required to continue to provide educational assistance. The room will be used for literacy for adults along with computer skills and vocational advisement.

The room's dimensions are 12 X 35 to be added on to the southwest side of the present structure. In addition to the added classroom, the following equipment is needed:

5 - 6 foot tables

30 chairs

Lightbox projector

Screen

Literacy Supplies

Through education, we can change generations. One child, one adult at a time.

2. How many people benefited from this project? 125+ families

3. Who were the beneficiaries, how were they impacted by this project, and what humanitarian need was met?

Individuals that live in a dump in Nicaragua have been benefited by this project. Adults and children will now have access to literacy classes, computer classes, and vocational training. Literacy was the humanitarian need that was met.

4. How many Rotarians participated in the project? 5

5. What did they do? Please give at least two examples, not including financial support provided to the project.

3 Soldotna Rotarians and 2 Kenai River Interact students traveled to Nicaragua and laid the brick work for the classroom. The physical building of the facility took place from 5/14-5/21/17. The classroom was completed at the end of the work week. In addition to that, these Rotarians also supported the local Rotary club during a festival and participated in a carnival supporting the children of the area.

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

We partnered with Project Hope with staff located at the Center where the classroom was built. They assist in managing the day to day operations. Through their program, we were able to ship supplies for the build. Additionally, Project Hope will ensure that the education program is sustainable by providing staff and contacts in the area.

Financial Report (District must retain receipts of all expenditures for at least five years)

Currency Used: US Exchange Rate: _____ = 1 USD

7. Income

Sources of Income	Currency	Amount
1. District Grant funds received from the District	US	2600
2. Rotary Club Contribution	US	3382.74
3. Other funding (specify)		
Total Project Income	US	5982.74

8. Expenditures (please be specific and add lines as needed)

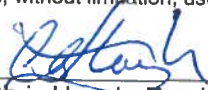
Budget Items	Name of Supplier	Currency	Amount
1. Epson EX3240 Projector	Best Buy	US	399.99
2. Literacy Course materials	Centro Latino	US	700.00
3. Folding Chairs (30)/6 tables	Lowe's	US	869.28
4. Classroom books		US	236.67
5. Educational supplies	Staples	US	1004.70
6. Construction Costs		US	2772.10
Total Project Expenditures		US	5982.74

Certifying Signature

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. 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

Print name, Rotary title, and club


Date: June 1, 2017
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