

**Rotary International
Rotary District 5340**

Rotary Foundation District Grant Final Report

Deadline for submission: March 31, 2011

Must be filed electronically on: <http://www.matchinggrants.org/district/>

Grant Information (to be completed by District Grant contact)

1. District Grant # (check website for #) P-22
2. Name of District Grant PROJECT REFUGE_____
3. Briefly describe the grant and list any changes that might have occurred (100 words or less.

Project Refuge was planned to provide transitional housing and centralized access to social services for refugees from Somalia and East Africa who have suffered terrible violence and persecution in their homeland and have been granted political asylum in the U.S. We opened on Sept. 1, 2010, and filled up by mid-October. Since then we have been full, with a waiting list. All furnishings were donated. We have now served 18 clients. We have been providing an ESL teacher plus mentors and other teachers, who are mostly Rotary volunteers. Our goal is to teach skills and move clients towards self-sufficiency as quickly as possible. Although La Jolla Golden Triangle RC is the lead club in this effort, 6 other clubs plus San Diego Rotaract are participating with funds, volunteers or both.

4. Provide a brief (100 words or less) of lessons learned in implementing this grant and how this will improve future grant funded projects:
It has been important to try to involve many LJGT club members, with their varied talents, in this project. They have been an enormous help. In addition the involvement of other clubs has added many dimensions. The alliance with Somali Family Service, bringing in the non-profit community agency element, has been critical, with their knowledge of the refugee community, services they provide, provision of staffing and their 501C3. We now also have a Somali Social Work Intern from SDSU. In other words this project could not have come to fruition without this kind of broad-based Rotary/community coalition.

5. How has your Club or community been impacted by this grant?
(Check all that apply)

- Involvement of Rotarians in our Club in humanitarian grants has increased.
 Our Club's international Rotary networks have been strengthened.
 Annual giving to the Rotary Foundation in our Club has increased.
 Club membership has increased.
 Our Club's awareness of the needs in our community has increased.
 Participation in a District Grant has not changed our Club in any significant way
 Others: Club members have become more aware of refugee issues and needs, and have had opportunities to get directly involved with changing peoples' lives.

In addition, we have been able to obtain some good media coverage of this project, with prominent mention of Rotary.

6. Given your experience, please provide any suggestions you believe would improve District Grants and the process to receive and implement them.
So far so good! I am very grateful for the support from the District.

5. Financial Summary

Amount of District Grant funds received: ____\$4,000

Amount of Club funds used in grant: _____ \$12,756

Amount of other funds used in grant: _____\$15,399_____

Total _____\$32,155 Full year budget

6. Receipts and Financial statements

Please include all invoices and receipts in electronic format to your web page on the District Grants web page: <http://www.matchinggrants.org/district/>

Approvals:

Dory Beatrice 2/8/11
Club President Date

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Club Contact for District Grant Date