

District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Placentia

Project Title: Veterans Village Welcome Kits

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 project provided needed household supplies to the incoming residents of Placentia's brand-new Veterans Village. The village provides 49 apartments to previously homeless veterans at low or no cost to them. Originally the club intended to provide an initial set of supplies for each apartment as described in the application. By the time that the grant was approved, other community members and organizations had donated many of the supplies. The club then worked with the New Directions organization, responsible for the daily operations of the village, to ensure that the residents had what they needed to move into their apartments.

The amount of donations from the community was overwhelming to the New Directions staff. The Rotary Club stepped in to help as best they could, but COVID-19 restrictions prevented them from providing any direct on-site support. Still the club interfaced several times a week to see what items were most urgently needed and then identified a plan to provide those items.

The club had also planned a big welcome party for the residents to distribute the welcome baskets but again, the COVID-19 restrictions and the slow occupancy rate for the residents, made that event an impossibility. The club used the money it would have spent on the party to buy OCTA bus passes so the residents could get around the community better without worrying about the costs involved

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?

20 Rotarians worked in a club assembly to broadly define what the project would look like. Six Rotarians then worked the specific details and actively supported the purchase of the materials needed by the Village.

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

1. Rotarians coordinated with New Directions to find out what items were most urgently needed by the incoming Veterans Village residents. When the club found out that the apartments did not come with microwaves, they provided 15 units to support the immediate need. They then used their connections with the Credit Union of Southern California to get the remaining 35 units purchased for the village.
2. Rotarians shopped for needed items and had them delivered to the village.

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

Fifty plus veterans and their immediate families benefitted from housing they did not have before and were spared the necessity of purchasing household items to live comfortably. Untold numbers of veteran family members and loved ones benefitted knowing their Veterans were in a safe housing environment with their immediate necessities taken care of by generous members of the community.

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

Long term, there will be 50+ fewer homeless veterans and their immediate families that can now focus on re-building their lives without the worry of finding housing in a safe environment.

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

New Directions is the organization responsible for operating the Veterans Village and providing living support. They identified the specific needs for the incoming residents based on what donations were being provided by supporting community organizations and individuals.

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income

	Amount
1. District Grant funds approved by the District	\$3750.00
2. Club contribution	\$3778.34
3. Other funding (specify)	
Total Project Income	\$7528.34

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

1. See supporting documentation	\$7528.34
2.	
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Total Project Expenditures	\$7528.34

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

James Paddock

Date: 12-07-2020

Print name, Rotary title, and club

James Paddock, Club Treasurer, Placentia Rotary Village