



District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Placentia, California

Project Title: "Stop Hunger Now"

Progress Report Final Report

- Briefly describe the project. What was done, when and where did project activities take place, and who were the beneficiaries?
Our "Stop Hunger Now" event took place on the 9th of November, 2013. It was a Saturday morning and, thankfully, one of our club members is the Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Placentia, Yorba Linda and he was able to secure the El Dorado High Library for us so that we could facilitate our project. The project took place shortly after the typhoons in the Philippines and we did find out shortly after we had finished it, that our meals were sent to Manila to help the thousands there and on surrounding islands that had lost everything in the storms.
- How many Rotarians participated in the project?
Virtually every Rotarian in our club participated in the project in some way or another. IF they weren't there setting up the tables, unloading the truck, packaging the meals or cleaning up, they had been instrumental in helping to contact volunteers to assist in the job or making sure that local media was aware of the Rotarian efforts taking place that day. In addition, there were MANY members of our Interact and Rotaract clubs that assisted in the packaging of meals.
- What did they do? Please give at least two examples.
Rotarians, Interact, and Rotaract members stood side-by-side to package over 20,000 meals in just over an hour and a half. They would load the bags with rice, a soy product, vegetables and a vitamin/spice packet and then pass it off to another member to be sealed and placed in shipping containers to be labeled. Then another group would take the cartons to the truck and load it so that the meals we had packed could be sent to their final destination. When we were done, there were a couple of packages of food that over the content of a carton. I was given two of these packages and actually prepared them for one of our breakfast meetings so that our membership could actually taste what we had packaged to be sent. It was an interesting addition to or regular breakfasts.
- How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project?
I don't even think I could give a number on how many benefited. Surely, the 20,000 people who received the meals benefited but, more than that, all of us who took part in the project received much more than we put into it. We were a group of people...Rotarians, Students, Families, and Friends....who came together for a morning to do something for others and, at the end of the day, we felt great about what we had accomplished, had made new friends, laughed together and really became a cohesive group of individuals doing something good for others. I know that those in attendance took the name of the organization and passed it on....then they passed it on andwho knows how many ultimately benefited.
- What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project?
One thing that we will say about the local "Stop Hunger Now" organization...they are inspiring. They made packaging 20,000 meals FUN. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Yes, it was about three hours of constant work but now one complained – it was FUN. Many of the people there took the business cards of the director and said they would like to have similar functions at a club, school, or church that they belonged to. As far as long term effects, what better way could we sustain the mission of Rotary and of Stop Hunger Now than to have all of our members and all those that participated want to do the project again. It was just a great project. Their director had mentioned that their warehouse was in serious need of cleaning – sweeping up rice etc. – and our Rotaract students were so excited about "Stop Hunger Now" that a bunch of them went over the following week to help him clean it.
- If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?
The "Stop Hunger Now" involvement was huge. The cost of each meal was \$.25. With our contribution of \$2722.00 matched by the Matching Grant, we were able to package 21, 776 meals. They actually bring all of the supplies needed for packaging the meals in by truck. We, as a group, unloaded the supplies but it was SHN that showed us how to set up the tables, do the actual packaging, as well as seal the individual packages and fill the shipping cartons. When we were finished packaging 20,000 plus meals, we loaded them on the truck and it was SHN that arranged for shipment to the Philippines. The funds that were allocated for the project not only paid for the meals and packaging but also for the shipment.

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income	Amount
1. District Grant funds approved by the District	\$2722.00
2. Club contribution	\$2722.00
3. Other funding (specify)	\$0.00
Total Project Income	\$5444.00

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

1. No additional expenses were necessary	
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Total Project Expenditures	\$5444.00

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 Carol Kennedy Date: February 24, 2014

Print name, Rotary title, and club Carol Kennedy, President Elect, Placentia