

Individual Project Report

Ready for School

Project Description

1. Describe the project. What was done, when, and where did the project activities take place? Forty backpacks were purchased for disadvantaged elementary students in the Alice ISD. Additionally 40 gift certificates for \$25 each were purchased along with school supplies from the required lists of the various elementary schools. On August 10, 2016 once all items were purchased, Rotarians at their regular Club meeting used an assembly to stuff the backpacks with schools supplies and a gift card. Then all 40 stuffed backpacks were delivered to the school superintendent for distribution through the elementary counselors. Because school supplies were less expensive than expected, 9 more shoe gift cards were purchased after the beginning of school to be distributed by the superintendent to needy students whose shoes wear out or are outgrown during the school year.

2. How many people benefited from this project? Initially the 40 students who received backpacks and gift cards and then 9 more students who purchased new shoes. Also their parents/guardians and siblings benefitted, as the families could then use their resources for children other than the recipients.

3. Who were the beneficiaries, how were they impacted by this project, and what humanitarian need was met? The education of the 40 recipients, and then the 9 later, was benefitted, as students could then concentrate on their studies and use the supplies that were required without worrying about their lack of basic needs

4. How many Rotarians participated in this project? Initially two Rotarians purchased all of the items; then 11 more helped with the assembly of the backpacks.

5. What did they do? Please give at least two examples, not including financial support provided to the project. Rotarians researched the school supply lists of the various elementary schools and made a master list of items in common that would be purchased. Rotarian labor was used to stuff the backpacks with the purchased school supplies.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role? Once backpacks were stuffed, the school superintendent compiled a list from elementary counselors of students who had registered to return to school who had an economic need. The superintendent then sent a backpack for each student on the lists to be given to the student by the counselor. After classes had begun and the 9 additional gift cards were purchased, the superintendent again contacted elementary counselors to make a list of students who needed new shoes and the gift cards were given to those students.

Financial Report

| Date | Description | Funding Source | Amount | % |
|---------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Jul 22, 2016 | Grant Awarded | District Grant | \$1,500.00 | 46.51 % |
| May 23, 2017 | 9 additional shoe gift certificates purchased for emergency purposes | Club/Other | \$225.00 | 6.98 % |
| Jun 27, 2016 | Alice Rotary Club will commit \$1,500 to Ready for School and requests that District 5930 commit another \$1,500 for a total of \$3,000. | Club/Other | \$1,500.00 | 46.51 % |
| Total: | | | \$3,225.00 | 100.00 % |

| Description | Supplier | Local Amount | Currency | Tax | Total | Amount |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| School supplies for backpacks including pencils, crayons, scissors, folders, spiral notebooks, tissues, hand sanitizer, paper towels, manila paper, notebook paper | Walmart | \$1,400.00 | USD | \$0.00 | \$1,400.00 | \$1,400.00 |
| 40 \$25 Gift Certificates to Payless Shoes | Payless Shoes | \$1,000.00 | USD | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| 40 Elementary-sized backpacks @ \$15 | Walmart | \$600.00 | USD | \$0.00 | \$600.00 | \$600.00 |
| 9 extra gift cards for shoes | Payless Shoe Source | \$225.00 | USD | \$0.00 | \$225.00 | \$225.00 |
| Total: | | | | | \$3,225.00 | \$3,225.00 |