

Individual Project Report

District 5930 Costa Rica Scholarship 2015-2016

Project Description

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

The project is a two week medical volunteer trip for undergraduates who take part in this program in Costa Rica. The trip is in collaboration with International Service Learning (ISL) who actually organized and managed the trip. The students attend the trip in late May and the project, as mentioned, is in Costa Rica. They provide assistance to local medical staff, serving the most underserved areas of Costa Rica.

2. How many people benefited from this project?

The five students chosen for this scholarship benefitted from the grant, in addition to the countless Costa Ricans whom they will serve while conducting patient visits on this medical service trip.

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

The five young ladies chosen for this trip all have limited, if any, international travel exposure. This trip was meant to not only be an international experience to expand their worldview and exposure, but also involving local service to a community. Most of these students come from middle to low income households and would not have the opportunity to travel otherwise. In turn, with their service as a medical volunteer, they assist patients in underserved areas of Costa Rica, meeting the local need for health care and treatment.

4. How many Rotarians participated in this project?

The Scholarship Sub-committee who solicited, interviewed, and chose the 5 candidates is made up of 11 Rotarians from several clubs within the District. In addition to this, another Rotarian and the Chair of the sub-committee held an orientation, so the students will know what to expect on the trip and what it means to represent Rotary. Though not expected, last year the students actually visited a local club in Costa Rica.

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

The Chair of the sub-committee created flyers and sent them out to 5 universities located in South Texas, she also put together all applications and distributed them to the rest of the committee. They all met in January to interview all candidates and choose the ones best suited for the scholarship. In this case, all five were selected. The Chair then sent out notifications to the applicants and their Rotary Club sponsors with further info. As mentioned above, the Chair and former DG, Art Zeitler, held an orientation for the students on April 30, so they know what to expect and how to represent Rotary.

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

Yes, though the District grant provided the cost of tuition, room, board, and airfare, ISL actually organizes and manages the medical trip while in the country. They pick up the students, provide training, room & board, and the

itinerary of each day, including excursions. They also take the students back to the airport after the trip. Each team is also assigned a team leader and that is our student's main contact point with ISL.

Financial Report

Date	Description	Funding Source	Amount	%		
Aug 24, 2015	Undergraduate Program	District Grant	\$7,080.00	45.44 %		
Apr 29, 2016	Funding in support of 5th student to Costa Rica from Laredo Daybreak Club	Club/Other	\$250.00	1.60 %		
Mar 01, 2016	Funding in support of 5th student to attend Costa Rica trip from CC Downtown Club	Club/Other	\$500.00	3.21 %		
Mar 01, 2016	Additional funds to support 5th student to go on Costa Rica Trip from CC Southside Club	Club/Other	\$750.00	4.81 %		
Jul 06, 2015	Donation from DG Betty Frantum	Club/Other	\$7,000.00	44.93 %		
Total:			\$15,580.00	100.00 %		
Description	Supplier	Local Amount	Currency	Tax	Total	Amount
ISL registration fee: including room, board, Costa Rica transportation for the 5 students	International Service Learning (ISL)	\$11,400.00	USD	\$0.00	\$11,400.00	\$11,400.00
Cost of booking flights to Costa Rica for 5 students through Rotary International	United via Rotary International	\$3,601.25	USD	\$0.00	\$3,601.25	\$3,601.25
Extras/Misc fees for 5 students such as airport departure tax and medical equipment	n/a	\$500.00	USD	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Total:					\$15,501.25	