

Individual Project Report

Houses into Homes

Project Description

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

After the committee was informed a resident family's house was completed, a member contacted them to find out what they needed and what they had been able to save. We then ordered the furniture and purchased the gift card. When the furniture arrived at the new house, several Rotarians were there to help unload and setup; helping to turn the house into a home.

2. How many people benefited from this project?

Sixteen families with an average of four persons (adults and children) received furniture and a gift card. Thirty Rotarians benefited by having their spirits lifted and their commitment to the Rotarian model of service renewed.

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

The Grant Committee of the Rockport Rotary Club decided early on that we would not disclose the names of those we helped. It is hard enough to ask for help, we want to preserve their dignity. Beneficiaries were residents of Rockport, Fulton and/or Aransas County. Various other characteristics were elderly, disabled, able-bodied, working and non-working, with children and without; all lost their homes in Hurricane Harvey and needed a hand-up. Before Rotary stepped in with furniture and a gift card, there was little if no furniture, little food and extras in the kitchen. We helped the families with some of the basic humanitarian needs of comfort, food and a sense of home and normalcy after 12-15 months of unknowns.

4. How many Rotarians participated in this project?

Five Rotarians were on the Grant Committee. Fifteen more went to the houses when deliveries were made.

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

Club members assisted with interviewing the families determining what would best suit their needs. During deliveries we helped with unloading, moving the furniture into the houses. We would spend time with the families hearing their stories and telling about Rotary, the Club and what we do for the community as a whole. Hugs, tears and thanks were a constant at all of the homes. Each Rotarian would head to their home afterwards with a renewed sense of humility and service.

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

Not Applicable

Financial Report

Date	Description	Funding Source	Amount	%
Aug 30, 2018	Rockport	District Grant	\$3,400.00	19.31 %
Jan 07, 2019	additional funds to cover requests	Club/Other	\$3,707.00	21.05 %
Jun 30, 2018	Funds from club	Club/Other	\$10,500.00	59.64 %
Total:			\$17,607.00	100.00 %

Description	Supplier	Local Amount	Currency	Tax	Total	Amount
Furniture items as requested by homeowner	Buddy's Home Furnishings	\$12,107.00	USD	\$0.00	\$12,107.00	\$12,107.00
Gift cards	Walmart via cash	\$5,500.00	USD	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
Total:					\$17,607.00	