

Individual Project Report

Live Oak Learning Center Leader In Me Enhancement

Project Description

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

The overall goal of this project was to enhance both the physical and emotional environment at Live Oak Learning Center by developing family partnerships and improving or creating interactive learning spaces for our students to practice leadership skills and *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*.

The first project was to purchase participant guides so that we could offer a training to our students' families called *The 7 Habits of Highly Successful Families*. Two sessions were offered (one in October and one in January). Both sessions were successful based on evaluations submitted by the participants. Live Oak Learning Center plans to offer four family trainings next school year.

The next project was to add picnic tables to LOLC's covered porch to offer an alternative place for families to have lunch together, and for mentors to have a nice, comfortable space for which they could meet with their mentees. Student leaders took on the responsibility for making sure the tables are wiped down and in good repair for use. In addition, teachers used the tables as an outdoor classroom space.

A project that has garnered a lot of praise and use are the "Communication Planters." Planters were strategically placed in the car rider line and at the front of the school. Rotarians came during the school day to help students plant. One Rotarian, who is a horticulturist, taught students about how to plant and the best ways for taking care of the plants. Others simply interacted with students by helping with the planting and placement process. These planters provide a dual purpose. They provided a leadership role for 20 or more students. Some students (gardening leaders) are responsible for watering and caring for the plants in the planters. These planters would also serve as a communication tool. With white board signs that could be placed in the planter, our Poster Leaders write messages to remind families of upcoming events or to simply communicate positive messages. Examples include information about: picture day or dates for field trips. In addition, the communication planters would present a welcoming atmosphere to guests.

The grant also allowed us to purchase identifying attire for students serving in leadership roles. Students who are cafeteria leaders have aprons that protect their clothes and identify them as leaders whose job it is to be up from the table helping. Greeter leaders and student ambassadors have loved wearing vests that identify them as leaders who help our guests and new students. Gardening leaders have been able to protect their hands with gloves and aprons. In addition, these items provide a leadership role for students who in charge of washing this attire as needed in the washer and dryer in our Life Skills classroom. Rotarians joined us at school after school hours and helped us to iron on Rotary patches and prepare the vests for use.

The final project was creating a wall of fame and inspiration that displays 8x10 photographs depicting inspirational world and community leaders from Mother Theresa to our local Mayor. The wall is used as an instructional tool around both *The 7 Habits* and our Social Studies curriculum. Student leaders helped choose inspirational leaders and Rotarians helped us to display and hang the photographs in an after school work day.

These projects of social/emotional and environmental enhancements were either proposed by students or were suggested by LOLC faculty as a way to provide more leadership roles for students or enrich the leadership roles already in place. Already, the grant provisions have shown that they will be valued for years to come.

2. How many people benefited from this project?

786 students and their families of Live Oak Learning Center
 84 faculty and staff members of Live Oak Learning Center
 35 Rotarians and Friends of Rotarians who were able to serve our community

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

The primary beneficiaries were the students of Live Oak Learning Center; however, families were also impacted. Families were impacted through the *Successful Families* workshop and also by helping to instill responsibility and leadership skills in students that will transfer into the home and community.

The humanitarian need that was met was providing students with leadership roles at school that will help them utilize *The 7 Habits* and give them a sense of taking ownership of their school and community.

4. How many Rotarians participated in this project?

No fewer than 15 Rockport Rotarians participated in this project

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

The Rotarians worked with the students during training workdays, helping instruct and teach the students. The Rotarians also assisted in putting together materials for the students to utilize in the Leader in Me Enrichment Program. Rotarians helped choose and prepare vests and aprons for leadership role identification and use. Rotarians helped make decisions regarding the materials and plants for the communication planters. They also helped to hang photographs for the Wall of Fame and Inspiration.

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

There was no cooperating organization

Financial Report

Date	Description	Funding Source	Amount	%		
Jul 22, 2016	Grant Awarded	District Grant	\$3,909.00	49.80 %		
Jun 30, 2016	Rockport Rotary Funds	Club/Other	\$3,940.35	50.20 %		
Total:			\$7,849.35	100.00 %		
Description	Supplier	Local Amount	Currency	Tax	Total	Amount
Seating Areas	Lowes	\$2,910.86	USD	\$0.00	\$2,910.86	\$2,910.86
8X10 Frames with Pictures	WalMart	\$1,153.68	USD	\$95.18	\$1,248.86	\$1,248.86
Planters	Moore Than Feed	\$1,230.00	USD	\$0.00	\$1,230.00	\$1,230.00
		\$623.50	USD	\$0.00	\$623.50	\$623.50
Total:					\$7,849.35	

Description	Supplier	Local Amount	Currency	Tax	Total	Amount
7 Habits of Highly Successful Families Participant Guides						
Vests	Onetip.com	\$442.05	USD	\$0.00	\$442.05	\$442.05
Plants/Flowers	Moore Than Feed	\$367.76	USD	\$0.00	\$367.76	\$367.76
Soil	Moore Than Feed	\$304.39	USD	\$0.00	\$304.39	\$304.39
2 1/2" Round Cut Out Rotary Patch	National Awards	\$185.00	USD	\$0.00	\$185.00	\$185.00
Signage for Benches and Planters	House of Trophies	\$170.50	USD	\$0.00	\$170.50	\$170.50
Small Bronze Rotary Project Plaque	National Awards	\$155.87	USD	\$0.00	\$155.87	\$155.87
Button Maker & Accessories	Amazon	\$119.95	USD	\$0.00	\$119.95	\$119.95
Gardening Gloves	Amazon	\$52.64	USD	\$0.00	\$52.64	\$52.64
Aprons	Oriental Trading	\$37.97	USD	\$0.00	\$37.97	\$37.97
					Total:	\$7,849.35