

Individual Project Report

Suresh's Backpack with School Supplies

Project Description

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

The project consisted of the purchasing, packaging and the successful delivery of 675 backpacks filled with school supplies to identified at risk area school children on the first week of school and to coincide with the Texas Tax Free Back to School Weekend. This project help alleviate backpack purchases for low income families.

On 19 July 2017 at 900 AM at the Salvation Army building in McAllen, Texas, the McAllen Rotary Club members, the Adanbunte Church members, the IDEA Academy UIL students and leader, Salvation Army personnel, the Magic Valley Roofing crew loaded and packaged 730 backpacks with school supplies for distribution. Distribution took place that and the following day concluding with all backpacks being distributed to the respective public, private and church schools for distribution to the at risk students.

2. How many people benefited from this project?

Approximately 730 area identified at risk students were helped with receiving these aforementioned backpack with school supplies. Their respective families, area Rotarians, and other assisting schools, churches, clubs and personnel were also benefited from this project in other ways.

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

The beneficiaries were the identified at risk 675 students that received the prepared backpacks with school supplies, their families, their schools/teachers, the area community as a whole.

The impact as I understand the project is to accommodate at risk students with backpacks and school supplies that represent backpacks that the other area students have when they walk into school that first week and beyond with a shelf life of one year. It gives impact to students and their families to purchases other school supplies during the tax free weekend. It relieves teachers of having to purchase school supplies for their at risk students.

The humanitarian need fulfills the need for the Rotary clubs to produce a community service project that assist the at risk students, their families, the clubs/schools/churches. With pier pressure from other students, it helps relieve tension in the first days of school. Rotarians themselves need to fulfill the need to help someone a little less able to help themselves.

4. How many Rotarians participated in this project?

There were approximately 22 Rotarians involved in this project. Project packaging and distribution was smartly held during a Rotary weekly meeting involving the whole club in general.

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

The Rotarians involved themselves in the packaging and distribution of said backpacks to the loading site distribution vehicles outside the Salvation Army Location. The Salvation Army opened their doors and gave personnel support to this project. Magic Valley Roofing and it's crew of eight gave support in packaging and distributing the backpacks.

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

The Rio Grande Valley area newspaper the "Monitor" presented the project to the public through their story presentation and photographs. The Rio Grande Valley Facebook was also utilized in the project presentation with story and photographs. This was facilitated by Ruby Martinez a McAllen Rotary club member.

Financial Report

Date	Description	Funding Source	Amount	%		
Aug 02, 2017	Rotary Club of McAllen	District Grant	\$4,000.00	38.10 %		
May 25, 2017	Edinburg Rotary	Club/Other	\$1,500.00	14.29 %		
May 25, 2017	Pete Pranis Catholic CDC	Club/Other	\$1,500.00	14.29 %		
May 25, 2017	McAllen Rotary	Club/Other	\$3,500.00	33.33 %		
Total:			\$10,500.00	100.00 %		
Description	Supplier	Local Amount	Currency	Tax	Total	Amount
Backpack with school supplies	Perfume King McAllen	\$10,500.00	USD	\$0.00	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00
Total:					\$10,500.00	