

Individual Project Report

Sacred Heart Children's Home Project 2019

Project Description

1. Describe the project. What was done, when, and where did the project activities take place? *The Rotary Club of Laredo Daybreak surveyed local schools and orphanages in Laredo, Texas and through the assistance of local community leaders determined that the Sacred Heart Children's Home orphanage was in need of assistance. The children's home is located on 3310 S Zapata Hwy in Laredo. With the financial support from the 3 other partnering clubs (Laredo Next Generation, Laredo Gateway, and Laredo Rotary) we did research to find the best items that will meet the needs of the children and applied for the district grant. When approved, we made the purchases of all the items donated. From HP we purchased 4 desktop computers, 4 laptops, 2 fully equipped printers, 8 toners and a 3-year antivirus/security software for all the devices. From Walmart, we purchased 8 Windows Home & Students software licenses (perpetual) for the 8 computers donated. These items were delivered to the children's home, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic the installation was not possible.. Nonetheless, the children's home has asked us to return when the conditions are better and safe for the children. From Walmart, we purchased 50 twin-size mattress pads, 50 pillows, 100 pillow protectors (to alternate), and 50 towels. These items were delivered and assigned to each of the kids in the different cottages the day of the project. The project event took place on January 24, 2020 starting at 10am. After the volunteers delivered the items, we met all the children in their dining room where we had already setup donuts, juices and coffee for the children, volunteers, the and the sisters who run the orphanage. We had the opportunity to meet the children, talk to them, get to know a little about them and their aspirations. It was a great experience for all of those involved.*
2. How many people benefited from this project? *Between 40-50 kids sheltered by Sacred Heart Children's Home.*
3. Who were the beneficiaries, how were they impacted by this project, and what humanitarian need was met? *The beneficiaries of this project are low-income (boys 5-10 years old and girls 5-18 years old) whom we got to meet the day of the event. We had the opportunity to learn from them and to mentor them. This project provided them with new bedding items (mattress pads, pillows, and pillow protectors) and towels which improve their living conditions and give the children security and comfort they desperately need. We also provided them with computers and laptops with updated software licenses, printers with toners, that will help the children improve their academic performance. The children will get to expand their knowledge with the most recent tools for school homework, projects, exams, and research. Further, this will help improve their home surroundings and give them a brighter outlook on life. In turn, in line with the mission of Rotary, service above self, these children may be inspired to selflessly serve their community. We are proud to say that some of these kids are now part of an Interact club recently sponsored by Next Gen at the children's home and one of them participated at RYLA this year. This project addressed two of the 6 areas of focus of Rotary: Basic Education and Literacy as well as Economic and Community Development.*

4. How many Rotarians participated in this project? 24 Rotarians

5. What did they do? Please give at least two examples, not including financial support provided to the project. *Besides the usual grant writing, I can say that at least 4 members of my club helped with meeting with the Children’s Home director to assess the needs, to discuss the logistics and to arrange the project date. From email and phone communication to in-person meetings, these members were key participants since they are seasoned members and have more grant knowledge. Another example is the participation and engagement the date of the delivery of the donation. When we work together as a club, our bond becomes stronger. Working and volunteering on this project we had new members as well as seasoned member; past-presidents were part of it as well as our incoming president... We saw our children (or as we like to call them “future Rotarians”) participating and learning to serve others. We are proud to say that our bond with the other Laredo Clubs is an amazing one and it gets stronger when working on projects like this one. For this project, we not only had the monetary contribution from the other clubs, but we also had great representation during the presentation of the donation to the children’s home. Between Rotarians and family members, we had about 30 volunteers that day.*

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role? *The Sacred Heart Children's Home was the cooperating organization and the ones making the request to help the children. They have a program of sheltering, feeding, clothing and rendering an adequate education, and emotional stability to these low income children.*

Financial Report

Date	Description	Funding Source	Amount	%		
Jul 01, 2019	Rotary Club of Gateway	Club/Other	\$500.00	6.16 %		
Jul 01, 2019	Rotary Club of Laredo	Club/Other	\$500.00	6.16 %		
Jul 01, 2019	Rotary Club of Next Generation	Club/Other	\$500.00	6.16 %		
Jul 01, 2019	Laredo Daybreak Rotary Club	Club/Other	\$2,616.91	32.24 %		
May 31, 2020	Laredo Daybreak Grant	District Grant	\$4,000.00	49.28 %		
Total:			\$8,116.91	100.00 %		
Description	Supplier	Local Amount	Currency	Tax	Total	Amount
Laptops (4)	HP	\$2,570.00	USD	\$0.00	\$2,570.00	\$2,570.00
Desktop PC (4)	HP	\$1,879.96	USD	\$0.00	\$1,879.96	\$1,879.96
Microsoft Home&Student (8) licenses	Walmart	\$939.92	USD	\$77.54	\$1,017.46	\$1,017.46
Total:					\$8,116.91	

Description	Supplier	Local Amount	Currency	Tax	Total	Amount
Mattress pads (50) twin size	Walmart	\$599.50	USD	\$49.30	\$648.80	\$648.80
Printers (2)	HP	\$569.98	USD	\$0.00	\$569.98	\$569.98
Towels (50)	Walmart	\$386.00	USD	\$31.84	\$417.84	\$417.84
Toner Cartridges (8)	HP	\$377.40	USD	\$0.00	\$377.40	\$377.40
Pillows (50 - 25 sets of 2 each)	Walmart	\$249.00	USD	\$20.20	\$269.20	\$269.20
Pillow Protectors (100 - 50 packages of 2)	Walmart	\$246.00	USD	\$20.30	\$266.30	\$266.30
McAfee License (1) for all devices 3 years	HP	\$99.97	USD	\$0.00	\$99.97	\$99.97
					Total:	\$8,116.91