

Individual Project Report

GNSH Health Clinic Project

Project Description

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

To help establish a clinic to provide Disease Prevention and Treatment for homeless and population in need of the Buena Vida neighborhood in Brownsville Texas. GNSH is a nonprofit, multi-service agency dedicated to assist the needy men, women and children of Brownsville through programs that provide nutritious meals, clothing, showers and support services. In November 2016 graduate social work intern students from the UTRGV developed a needs assessment to better serve our population. Top three priorities identified were: medical assistance, job search and legal aid. Furthermore, the 2014 Point-In-Time results for Cameron County gathered information from 363 homeless individuals counted and demonstrates that 60.4% need medical care and only 37.2% receive medical assistance. With the need identified, the clinic began its due diligence and obtained that upon establishing the clinic, GNSH could provide the following:

Based on the current commitments of physicians, the clinic can provide approximately 2,322 units of service for patients.

Provides services such as:

- Height, Weight, Blood Pressure, vision and anemia screenings.
- Blood Chemistry exams
- Oral Exams
- Podiatry
- Hearing exams
- Glaucoma screenings

Dr. Mercado & Dr. Hussain have committed to continue to volunteer their time for the clinic and deliver service to patients free of cost.

Clinic administration will be provided by UTRGV volunteers (student interns) who will maintain supplies, set appointments and communication between patient and providers and be onsite during physician visits for any assistance to the physician. The GNSH is located in Brownsville, TX with a population of over 190,000 residents, making it the largest city in Cameron County, but yet is has been consistently ranked as the poorest city in the nation. GNSH is also located in the Buena Vida neighborhood, one of the oldest and poorest neighborhoods in Brownsville, with median family income of approximately \$8,000 per year. Other services GNSH currently provides is:

- 3 meals x day
- Access to showers and restrooms
- Change of clothes
- Serves as address of record
- Facilitates communication by phone, fax and text message

The Center also provides the following services to the Buena Vida neighborhood:

- Hosts the “Mothers Club” since 1958 which produces quilts for sale to benefit the GNSH
- Provides Youth Services after school as during the summer months
- Provides intake for all State of Texas benefit programs
- Computer skills training focused on resume building and job search

2. How many people benefited from this project? The clinic has been ongoing but with our grant we have impacted the number of patients served. From the period of August 2017 - April 30, 2018, the clinic had provided over 1,900 units of service to its patients.

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

4. How many Rotarians participated in this project? Over 15 Rotarian, including those from other clubs. Through this grant, we have also brought GNSH to the forefront to all Brownsville Clubs who now have at least volunteered time and food for the center 2 to 3 times during the 2017-2018 rotary year. Brownsville Sunrise seeing the need first hand has committed to serving a meal a month to the users of the center throughout 2018.

5. What did they do? Please give at least two examples, not including financial support provided to the project. Aside from items mentioned in #4 above, we did an initial walk-through and planning assessment for the need of actual clinic items. We also set and implemented the equipment needed as well as a day of general cleaning and maintenance to the clinic space.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role? None, only the actual GNSH who will host the clinic and continue to provide support to run the clinic to provided the much needed services to its patients.

Financial Report

Date	Description	Funding Source	Amount	%		
Aug 02, 2017	Brownsville Sunrise	District Grant	\$4,000.00	48.23 %		
Jun 28, 2017	RCO Brownsville Historic Funding	Club/Other	\$700.00	8.44 %		
Jun 28, 2017	RCO Brownsville Funding	Club/Other	\$700.00	8.44 %		
Jun 28, 2017	RCO Brownsville North Funding	Club/Other	\$700.00	8.44 %		
Jun 28, 2017	RCO Brownsville Sunrise Funding	Club/Other	\$2,194.10	26.45 %		
Total:			\$8,294.10	100.00 %		
Description	Supplier	Local Amount	Currency	Tax	Total	Amount
Exterior Fans Wall Mountable (6)	Online Vendor	\$2,081.70	USD	\$171.74	\$2,253.44	\$2,253.44
Total:					\$8,294.10	

Description	Supplier	Local Amount	Currency	Tax	Total	Amount
Philips Onsite AED	Online Vendor	\$1,275.00	USD	\$0.00	\$1,275.00	\$1,275.00
Medical Clinic Furniture	Online Vendor	\$1,159.94	USD	\$0.00	\$1,159.94	\$1,159.94
Clinic Computer & Monitor	Online Vendor	\$999.98	USD	\$0.00	\$999.98	\$999.98
Printer/Scanner MFC + Toner	Online Vendor	\$824.95	USD	\$0.00	\$824.95	\$824.95
Wheelchairs (2) mix of Reg & HD Size	Online Vendor	\$705.97	USD	\$0.00	\$705.97	\$705.97
HD Storage Cabinet with Lock	Online Vendor	\$499.99	USD	\$0.00	\$499.99	\$499.99
Medical Measuring Rod	Online Vendor	\$348.84	USD	\$0.00	\$348.84	\$348.84
Filing Cabinet 2Drwr	Online Vendor	\$225.99	USD	\$0.00	\$225.99	\$225.99
					Total:	\$8,294.10