

Individual Project Report

Cancer Patient Support Project

Project Description

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

First, in September 2016, Rotarian Ana Leonard, Club Secretary, gave a presentation on cancer during a classification talk to educate the members on cancer education and prevention.

Next, we hosted a Christmas Santa Visit on Christmas morning 2016 at Edinburg Children's Hospital. For over two hours, Santa and fifteen Rotarian elves distributed age appropriate toys, books, and good cheer to the children, their family members, and the hospital staff. In addition, the nursing staff at Edinburg Children's Hospital was grateful that our club came out to visit sick children on Christmas morning, and filled their gift closet with toys and books that they could distribute throughout the year.

Finally, on May 20, 2017, Rotarians participated in the Upper Valley Relay for Life event organized by the American Cancer Society, by distributing water to participants. We setup a tent and hosted a booth with the Rotary logo for Rotarians to support cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers by giving free water and encouragement. Rotarians also walked laps as part of the event, and promoted Rotary membership and service to the community. We also paid for the rental of the stage equipment for the event.

2. How many people benefited from this project? Estimated Total: 895 people

At the Christmas Santa event, approximately 30 children, accompanied by 45 parents received gifts. In addition, 20 nursing staff were celebrated with the Christmas joy. In the Relay for Life event over 800 community members participated.

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

The beneficiaries of this project are the local community to include cancer patients, caregivers and their family members. Also, sick children, their parents and the hospital staff were all directly impacted. The area of focus was health and the humanitarian need for compassion, direct care services to cancer patients, and prevention education.

4. How many Rotarians participated in this project?

On Christmas Day 2016, 20 Rotarians from the McAllen North, McAllen South, Mission Club, and Ciudad Mante Rotary Club from Mexico, and their family members participated in the project at the Hospital. At the Relay for Life event, 13 Rotarians assisted with the event.

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

The work leading up to the Christmas Santa project included meeting to plan the event, purchase toys, and wrap toys and books for Christmas. Rotarians visited the children on Christmas morning to distribute the gifts. The Relay for Life event included Rotarian's walking to support cancer awareness, making a public presentation on Rotary, distributing bottled water, and setting up and taking down the Rotary Tent.

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

BCFS cooperated by donating childrens' books and helping wrap the gifts and toys. Baylor University Texas Hunger Initiative provided Christmas stockings, pencil boxes, crayons and colored pencils to distribute to the sick children.

Financial Report

Date	Description	Funding Source	Amount	%
Jul 22, 2016	Grant Awarded	District Grant	\$1,000.00	36.57 %
Jun 26, 2016	McAllen Evening Club	Club/Other	\$25.00	0.91 %
Jan 19, 2017	Mission Rotary Club	Club/Other	\$200.00	7.31 %
Jun 11, 2016	McAllen South Rotary Club	Club/Other	\$750.00	27.43 %
Jun 09, 2016	McAllen North Rotary Club	Club/Other	\$759.46	27.77 %
Total:			\$2,734.46	100.00 %

Description	Supplier	Local Amount	Currency	Tax	Total	Amount
Stage Rental for Relay for Life	American Cancer Society	\$1,500.00	USD	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Santa Suit, Toys	Walmart, etc.	\$348.74	USD	\$17.53	\$366.27	\$366.27
Flag	Russell Hampton	\$329.95	USD	\$0.00	\$329.95	\$329.95
Picnic Supplies	Russell Hampton Etc	\$252.38	USD	\$6.70	\$259.08	\$259.08
Aprons	Walmart	\$138.72	USD	\$11.44	\$150.16	\$150.16
Tent	Academy	\$125.29	USD	\$3.71	\$129.00	\$129.00
Total:					\$2,734.46	