



Rotary Club: SANTA CATALINA ISLAND

Project Title: MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION GRANT

Progress Report  Final Report

**Project Description**

1. Briefly describe the project. What was done, when and where did project activities take place, and who were the beneficiaries?

SEE ATTACHED REPORT

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project? 9

3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.

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4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? 14

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project?

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

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**Financial Report - Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!**

7. Income	Amount
1. District Grant funds approved by the District	\$ 1500.00
2. Club contribution	\$ 1500.00
3. Other funding (specify) <u>CASH FROM ROTARIAN DONOR</u>	\$ 57.50
<b>Total Project Income</b>	<b>3057.50</b>

8. Expenditures - please be specific and add lines as needed - receipts must be attached

1. <u>3/1 CATALINA EXPRESS GIFT CARD FOR BOAT TRAVEL</u>	\$ 1000.00
2. <u>2/7 CATALINA EXPRESS GIFT CARD FOR BOAT TRAVEL</u>	\$ 1500.00
3. <u>5/29 CATALINA EXPRESS GIFT CARD FOR BOAT TRAVEL</u>	+ 2.50
4. <u>5/29 CATALINA EXPRESS GIFT CARD FOR BOAT TRAVEL</u>	555.00
5.	
6.	
<b>Total Project Expenditures</b>	<b>2057.50</b>

9. By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Grant funds were spent only for eligible items in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, and that all of the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures have been provided to the district. I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will become the property of RI and will not be returned. I warrant that I own all rights in the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or at any time in the future, throughout the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or later developed. This includes the right to modify the photograph(s) as necessary in RI's sole discretion. This also includes, without limitation, use on or in the web sites, magazines, brochures, pamphlets, exhibitions and any other promotional materials of RI and TRF.

Certifying Signature Rita Whitaker Date: 4/8/2013

Print name, Rotary title, and club Rita Whitaker, Medical Transportation Committee Chair

DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANT FINAL REPORT  
ROTARY CLUB OF AVALON

Project Description:

1). Due to geography and limited medical resources, the residents of Catalina Island must travel, by passenger boat, to the mainland for specialized medical care. The Catalina Island Medical Center and Clinic has a rural facility designation that is staffed primarily by family practice physicians. Residents of our community that require consultation with specialists, additional diagnostic testing, and/or surgery must travel to the mainland for their consultations and follow up care. In addition, several of our community residents are chronic dialysis patients or cancer patients needing frequent, sometimes daily trips to the mainland to receive their chemotherapy or radiation.

The Medical Transportation Grant Committee made up of 9 Rotarians met on February 12th with the Catalina Island Medical Center business office and Social Services Department. It was decided that the Social Services department and Medical Staff would screen and validate patients that had referrals to the mainland for medical care. These patients, would then be screened by the medical center business office to verify that they qualified on a financial basis. To maintain health record privacy (HIPPA) of the recipients; the Rotarians were not given any specific medical information on the recipient's diagnosis.

Details of the DSG were announced to the physicians and the nurse practitioners at a hospital "Medical Staff" meeting. Our club's Public Relation's Chair wrote an article about the transportation grant (see enclosed) and submitted it to both local newspapers: the Catalina Islander and Avalon Bay News.

Committee members met with the manager of the Catalina Express Avalon office to discuss ticketing policy. It was decided that gift cards with the Rotary Emblem be provided to the recipients to be exchanged for boat tickets. Catalina Express staff was instructed that the gift cards, with the Rotary emblem, could only be used by the patient for their transportation for medical care. A letter was composed by a member of the Medical Transportation Grant Committee and translated into Spanish since some of our recipients do not have English as their primary language (see enclosed samples). A copy of this letter on Rotary Letterhead was placed in an envelope with each gift card.

A member of the Social services department would contact the Committee chair when a qualifying patient had an appointment scheduled. The recipient would be contacted by a member of the Committee to arrange a time and place for the letter and gift card to be presented.

The beneficiaries were a total of 14 members of the Avalon community. 7 of the members received between 1 and 2 round trip fares to the mainland. The 7 other recipients were those who received gift cards for commuter books (5 round trip tickets per book) for frequent trips for dialysis/cancer treatment.

2). Nine Rotarians comprised our Medical Transportation Grant Committee.

3). Committee tasks completed:

- a). Composed and submitted articles for the Local newspapers.
- b). Attended meetings with Catalina Island Medical Center and Catalina Express.
- c). Composed a letter for each recipient explaining the grant and what Rotary Club does.
- d). Dispensed gift cards to recipients at a mutually agreeable location.
- e). Provided transportation in their vehicles to and/or from the patient's home to the Avalon Boat Terminal when recipient's requested.

4). 14 Residents of Our Community with Medical Needs.

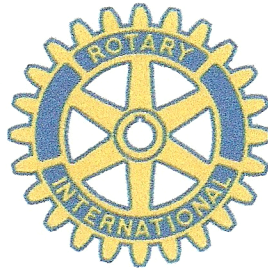
5). Patients and their Families received the Medical Care and Treatments not possible on Catalina Island. This will hopefully increase the longevity and improve the quality of life for the grant recipients of our community. With Rotary International's focus on Family this grant helped decrease the financial burden of the cost of the travel. Several of our recipients were the primary breadwinners of their family and unable to work during their treatments or needing to take time off to travel. The grant provided transportation to many who told us they would not have been able to have the care without the boat fare being taken care of by our grant. Often the Rotarians dispensing the gift cards had occasion to meet family members and explain Rotary's role in addition to the letter and newspaper articles.

6). See #1.

Catalina Island Medical Center: Medical and Financial Screening of Potential Recipients

Catalina Express: Working with Transportation Grant Committee to Purchase Transportation to Qualifying Recipients.

Financial Report: See attached receipts.



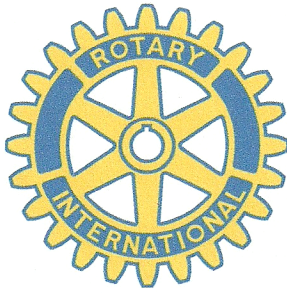
This Catalina Express Transportation has been provided by funds raised by the Rotary Club of Avalon and a matching grant with Rotary District 5320. The Rotary Club of Avalon applied for and received this matching grant to assist qualifying community members with the cost of boat transportation for medical or social services that are not available on the island.

Avalon Rotary raises money through its fundraisers to contribute to local residents for Thanksgiving and Christmas, offer local Avalon High School students' scholarships, and support projects at the Catalina Island Museum, the Avalon Schools, the Avalon Veterinary Clinic and the Catalina Island Medical Center. Avalon Rotary also organizes and fundraises for the popular USC Trojan Marching Band's participation in Avalon's Fourth of July parade. In addition, Avalon Rotary Club supports international aid to Mexico and Haiti.

The Rotary Club of Avalon is just one of over 32,000 Rotary Clubs around the world in over 200 countries. All are dedicated to the creed of "service above self." Rotary International was founded in 1905 as both a business networking and community service organization. Avalon Rotary offers its membership a chance to network with local business leaders as well as offer community service opportunities for our Island, as well as projects such as feeding the hungry or contributing to international efforts to eradicate polio.

In addition to providing the boat transportation to the mainland, the Rotary Club of Avalon is available to provide transportation here on the island to and/or from the boat dock. Please feel free to contact Rita Whitaker, Club President for any questions or to coordinate assistance from our club. She can be reached at 858-663-1879.

Thank You for this Opportunity to Help,  
Rotary Club of Avalon  
Medical Transportation Committee



El transporte de Catalina Express ha sido proporcionado por los fondos recaudados por el Club de Rotarios de Avalon (Rotary Club of Avalon) y una donación que es igualada por el Distrito de Rotarios 5320 (Rotary District). El Club de Rotarios de Avalon solicitan y reciben esta donación, para asistir a miembros de la comunidad que califiquen para esta ayuda del costo de la transportacion del barco para los servicios médicos o servicios sociales que no están disponibles en la Isla.

El Club de Rotarios de Avalon recaudan dinero a través de sus recaudadores de fondos para contribuir a los residentes locales para el día de acción de gracias y la Navidad, Ofrece becas a los estudiantes locales de la Preparatoria de Avalon, y ayudan a los proyectos del Museo, de la Escuela, de la Clinica Veterinaria y del Centro Médico de la Isla Catalina. Los Rotarios de Avalon también organizan y recaudan fondos para la participación de la banda popular Trojan del USC para el desfile del 4 de Julio. En adición el Club de Rotarios de Avalon apoya la ayuda internacional a México y Haiti.

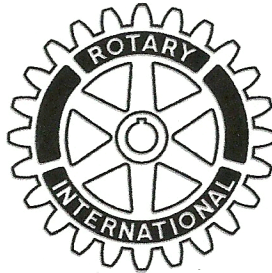
El Club de Rotarios de Avalon es uno de los 32,000 Clubs de Rotarios alrededor del mundo en más de 200 países. Todos están dedicados al credo de "Servir antes de su propio servicio". Los Rotarios Internacionales fueron fundados en 1905 como un establecimiento de una red de negocios y organización del servicio comunitario. Los Rotarios de Avalon ofrecen a sus miembros una oportunidad de red con los líderes de los negocios locales en nuestra Isla. Asi como también proyectos tales como alimentación del hambriento o contribuir a esfuerzos internacionales para erradicar la polio.

Además de proporcionar el transporte del barco a tierra firme, el Club de Rotarios de Avalon esta disponible para proveer transportacion aquí en la Isla hacia o del muelle del barco. Por favor no dude en ponerse en contacto con Rita Whitaker, presidente del club para cualquier pregunta o para coordinar ayuda de nuestro club. Puede llamarme al 1-858-663-1879.

Gracias por esta oportunidad de ayudar,

Club de Rotarios de Avalon

Comité Transportacion Médica



**Avalon Rotary Club**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rotary Club of Avalon  
Receives a Rotary District Grant to Assist Community Needs

The Rotary Club of Avalon has received a matching Rotary District 5320 Simplified Grant to assist low income community members with the cost of boat transportation for medical/surgical services that are not available on the island.

The Rotary Club of Avalon provides up to \$1500 and that amount is matched by the Rotary District 5320, which covers Orange and Southern Los Angeles County. The grant monies will provide up to 43 round-trip boat trips for qualified community members needing medical or surgical services on the mainland. The Catalina Island Medical Center business office and social services department will perform the confidential screening process. Once the patient has qualified and an appointment has been made on the mainland, the Rotary club will provide round trip boat fare for that patient. For further information you may contact Dawn Sampson or Linda Altherr at Catalina Island Medical Center 310-510-0700.

Avalon Rotary actively contributes to the betterment of our Island community by donating to local community charities. Avalon Rotary raises money through its fundraisers to contribute to local residents for Thanksgiving and Christmas, offer local Avalon High School students' scholarships, and support projects at the Catalina Island Museum, the Avalon Schools, the Avalon Veterinary Clinic and the Catalina Island Medical Center. Avalon Rotary also organizes and fundraises for the popular USC Trojan Marching Band's participation in Avalon's Fourth of July parade. In addition, Avalon Rotary Club supports international aid to Mexico and the "End Polio Now Fund" which purchases vaccines to attempt to eradicate polio in the world.

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# Avalon Rotary Club receives key grant to assist in community's needs

Rita Whitaker writes grant that will help Islanders get boat ride to the mainland for medical care

## STAFF REPORT

The Rotary Club of Avalon has received a \$3,000 Rotary District 5320 grant to assist low-income community members with the cost of boat transportation for medical or surgical services that are not available on the Island.

The Rotary Club of Avalon provides up to \$1,500 and that amount is matched by the Rotary



Rita Whitaker

District 5320, which covers Orange and Southern Los Angeles

County. Last year, the Rotary also received this grant and it provided approximately 43 round trip boat tickets to many appreciative community members.

Rita Whitaker, past president of the Avalon Rotary Club submitted the grant application for this year and is extremely pleased that this 2nd year grant has been approved.

Community members, with a medical/surgical necessity on the mainland, will be screened by the social services and business office departments at Catalina Island Medical Center. For additional information please contact Dawn Sampson at the Medical Center at 310-510-0700.

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## Now Campaign.

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