



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
Total Project Income	3057.50

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.	
Total Project Expenditures	2057.50

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: 6/8/2013

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.