



## District Grant Final Report 2018-2019

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**District Grant #**     P-1988    

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**Rotary Club:**     Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast    

**Project Title:**     Centennial - Buddy Bench '17    

### **Project Description:**

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1. Briefly describe the project. What was done and where did the project activities take place? Explain how the beneficiaries and other community members were involved?

Buddy Bench is a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship at elementary school playgrounds. Not all elementary school children have a vast cadre of friends, nor is everyone invited to participate in activities on the playground or wants to participate for a variety of reasons. These benches provide a place for kids to sit and have proven to bring kids together. These benches have been installed in over 2000 elementary schools in the USA and around the world. Every school has students who feel left out or intimidated and Buddy Benches have been shown to offer a safe place for kids to talk to each other. The project was originally started by a ten year old student in Pennsylvania.

History: In 2016-2017: Global Grant Project P-1510

The 4 Fort Collins Clubs of Fort Collins had contributed \$7000. The project received for \$3000 from the District. Cost per bench is \$476 including bench, lettering, and Centennial Foundation donation plaque. Each bench, with shipping is \$400. \$76 is for plaques and engraving. The school district along with Rotarian help will install the benches at little or no cost, Centennial High School will make the plaques indicating it is a Rotary Centennial Foundation project. All PSD schools that had requested a bench have one now.

With the success of this 2016-2017 program, additional schools in PSD are now requesting benches. Additionally, the City of Fort Collins has approved 8-10 benches to be placed in public parks. These benches will support children at the parks and provide higher visibility of the Rotary logo and activities within the community.

Current Request: There are three benches that we would like the Breakfast Club to support in 2017-2018:

Our priority is to support bench installations at PSD schools. Two benches have been identified for specific PSD schools: Timnath and Putnam Elementary Schools have each requested a bench. We expect to have at least one more school request a bench. (If all PSD schools requesting benches have been served, we will then have one bench located by the City of Fort Collins at a public park.) It is expected that these benches will be installed before the end of this school year.

Funding: The Rotary Club of Fort Collins Community Service Committee has committed \$500 for this project. We are seeking a Centennial Grant Match from District 5440 of \$1000.

2. How many Rotarians participated in this project? >100 – from all four Rotary clubs in Fort Collins \_\_\_\_\_

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

- a. Rotarians worked together to raise money and awareness for this need.
- b. Rotarians were on hand to install buddy benches, and visited schools to talk to teachers on how the benches were being used successfully.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? >25 \_\_\_\_\_

Poudre School Maintenance team installed the benches, Teachers and Students work together to meet students on the benches.

5. Who are the beneficiaries and what is the expected long-term community impact of this project?

- a. Students with a sense of loneliness or in need of a friend – this needs persists and as the benches are installed permanently – the beneficiaries will be helped each year.

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

- a. Poudre School Maintenance team installed the benches, Teachers and Students work together to meet students on the benches.

7. Income:

Income Source	Amount
Fort Collins – Breakfast	\$500
DDF	\$1000
<b>Total Project Income</b>	\$1500

8. Expenditures: (number receipts starting with 1 and indicate a receipt # (s) for each expenditure) (Do not include travel expenses)

If international project convert amounts to US dollars	Receipt # (s)	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount
Buddy Bench	one	1500	1500
Total project expenditures		1500	1500

9. Please explain any variance of more than 5% between the budgeted amount and the actual amount including the reason for the variance and why the alternative was chosen.

10. Project score (5=strongly, 4=agree, 3= neutral, 2=disagree, 1=strongly disagree)

	Project Score	Comments
The overall project was successful	5	
The grant process worked well	5	
My interaction with partner clubs was good	5	
We achieved the results we expected	5	

11. Did you upload photos in your project on matchinggrants.org under the Photos tab? (If not, please do so) Yes

12. What worked well on this project and why?

- a. Good work ahead of time to ensure Poudre School District had a need in this area, and that they could sponsor the bench installation costs.

13. What did not work well and how would you suggest improving it?

- a. I did not know to submit this report on time. Now I know.

14. How was this project publicized?

- a. Facebook

Project Inventory

Please list all items provided in this grant that are over \$75 in value and are not expendable.

<b>Item Purchased</b>	<b>Date of Purchase</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Destination/ Location</b>	<b>Comments</b>
(3) Buddy Benches	2017	1500	Poudre School Districts	

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 the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures are attached. 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 to the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant the District, RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or in the future, through the District and the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or developed. This includes the right to modify the photographs as necessary in the District's and 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 the District, RI, and TRF.

**Please attach all receipts or an invoice and a copy of the check used to pay the invoice. Funds over \$100 not used must be returned to the district grants treasurer.**

Certifying signature of primary contact \_\_\_\_\_ Chris McMahon \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_17-Nov-2019\_\_\_\_\_

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