

Individual Project Report

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Rotary Club: Denton Rotary Club

Project Title: Adoption Awareness Picnic

Progress report Final report

Project Description

1. Describe the project. What was done, when, and where did project activities take place? If this is a progress report, what remains to be done?

On November 16, 2013, the Denton Rotary Club hosted an adoption awareness event benefitting foster children at risk of aging out of the foster care system. The event was sponsored by the Denton Rotary Club but we partnered with Child Protective Services (CPS) and CASA of Denton County to organize the event.

The purpose of the event was to bring attention specifically to older foster children (generally 10 to 16) and sibling groups which can frequently be more difficult to place in a forever home. These children are at a greater risk for aging out of the foster system. We hosted 30 of these children at the event. Also invited was prospective adoptive parents who had already completed the foster training and home studies necessary to proceed with an adoption from the foster care system.

The event was a party for the kids. We had "carnival" food of hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, nachos, etc. There was arts & crafts, basketball, volleyball, cake walks, putt-putt, etc. We provided all volunteers and children with t-shirts commemorating the event. The children also received backpacks with gifts and snacks to take home with them. The prospective parents were invited to play and interact with the children by playing basketball, doing arts & crafts, and playing games.

It proved to be a fun day for all involved but the ultimate goal was to encourage adoption of these children by the invited prospective adoptive parents. We wanted these kids to have an opportunity to have a forever family of their very own.

2. How many people benefited from this project? 100+

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

I would argue beneficiaries of the event included both the invited children, as well as the many volunteers, CPS employees, and CASA advocates that attended. Everyone walked away knowing they had an opportunity to really make an impact on a child's life. Obviously the goal was to provide children in the foster care system a greater opportunity for finding permanent placement with a family of their own. To date we have had over 50% of the children who attended be placed into homes – in fact this past week we learned of a family of four that were placed this past weekend.

4. How many Rotarians participated in the project? 60+

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

Rotarians assisted both before, during, and after the event. Prior to they assisted with planning and gathering items for the party, baking for the cupcake decorating and cake walk, as well as decorating the venue the night before. We had many day of volunteers who served food, acted as hostesses, provided security, played game, and helped clean up. After the event many in our club volunteered to help with the thank you notes sent out.

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

We worked with both CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) and CPS (Child Protective Services) to organize the event. These children are under the protective care of the state of Texas so all activities were closely monitored by CPS. CPS was also responsible for identifying potential children to attend and coordinating their transportation. CASA is a non-profit organization that works closely with CPS and children in the foster care system. They provided volunteers, helped with child identification, and after the event have really pushed the adoption of many of their children who attended.

Financial Report (District must retain receipts of all expenditures for at least five years)

Currency Used: USD Exchange Rate: _____ = 1 USD

7. Income

Sources of Income	Currency	Amount
1. District Simplified Grant funds received from the District	USD	1838.37
2. Other funding (specify) Denton Rotary Club	USD	1838.37
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Total Project Income	USD	3,676.74

8. Expenditures (please be specific and add lines as needed)

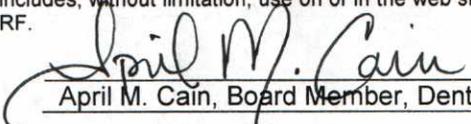
Budget Items	Name of Supplier	Currency	Amount
1. Facility	Denton ISD	USD	500.00
2. T-Shirts	Denton Trophy House	USD	840.00
3. Thank You Gifts/Cards	Bath & Body Works, Michaels, Walgreens, Tom Thumb	USD	239.95
4. Decorations	Staples, Party City, Kroger	USD	219.49
5. Food	Bakery, Hamburger Man, Tom Thumb	USD	847.27
6. Door Prizes	Wal-Mart	USD	608.25
7. Prizes	Scrap Denton, Wal-Mart, Drug Emporium, Sam's, Dollar Tree, 99 Cent Store, Dollar General, Hobby Lobby, Target	USD	421.78
Total Project Expenditures		USD	3,676.74

Certifying Signature

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. 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

Print name, Rotary title, and club

 Date: 6.4.2014
April M. Cain, Board Member, Denton Rotary Club

To be completed by the District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair:

District Simplified Grant # _____

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