

2022-2023 District Grant P-4366

Final Report

Scout Hut Improvement Storage, Equipment and Appliance Upgrades

1. In March and April, 5 Rotarians designed, built and painted an additional storage unit; attached to the side of the Scout Hut stage and media building.
2. A total of 15 Rotarians provided their time and expertise to this project.
3. This structure now holds all the tables and chairs required for our Rotary events at the Scout Hut. Improvements were also made to the Scout Hut “pantry”. A donated refrigerator was installed. In addition, an additional 10 Rotarian sorted through all the existing storage and organized all the items by event, labeled storage containers and reorganized the existing storage sheds.
4. In addition to the 80+ SJC Rotary club members, the various Boy Scout troops will have access to the tables and chairs for their meetings. The Scout Hut tables and chairs will be moved from inside the Scout Hut, so there will be more room for the Reading as a Second Language program in the Scout Hut (20 students in each class).
5. SJC Rotary will now be able to host not only the club, but also events such as our summer luau, and appreciation events Interact clubs, and local businesses that sponsor our events.
6. There were no other volunteers or partners associated with this project.
7. See Financial Summary attached.

Capistrano Restorative Garden and Learning Center Expansion

1. In January, SJC Rotary purchased the materials and built six 8’ x 12’ redwood raised planting beds.
2. A total of 8 Rotarians completed this work (in the rain!)
3. A landscape engineer designed the planters so that water is recaptured and reused (drought friendly!). 5 SJC Rotarian engineers/contractors/landscape specialists along with 3 more assistants provided the manpower that made these planters.
4. Each of three Capistrano Unified School District programs; Adult Transition Program, Bridges Community Day School and Continued Learning Adult Special Services now have their “own” set of planters. There are multiple classes in each of these programs, over time hundreds of students will utilize the facilities that Rotary has provided over several years.
5. These planters are built to last, as they are made of redwood. They will be utilized for many, many years. The new Director of the programs above has plans to expand the uses of the garden, so more students will be able to participate.
6. Two Capistrano Unified School district staff worked with the Rotarians.
7. See Financial Summary attached.

Casa de Ama Greenhouse and Garden Project

1. In October, SJC Rotary built a greenhouse and worked in the Casa de Ama gardens.
2. A total of 18 Rotarians plus additional friends and spouses completed this work.

3. SJC Rotary purchased a greenhouse kit and put it together. Additional members worked in the planting beds, and cleared out the landscaped garden. More members worked with the house residents making potpourri bags from the flowers and herbs in the garden.
4. The residents of the Casa de Ama are adults with disabilities. The garden, originally put in by SJC Rotary several years ago, provides vegetables and herbs for the resident's meals.
5. The greenhouse will allow the facility to grow vegetables from seed, reducing the cost of the garden plants. It also provides for more education for the 50+ residents who are learning about the life cycle of plants, as well as the various uses of their garden plants.
6. SJC Rotary partnered with the non-profit Goin' Native, a local organization that maintains native plants in San Juan parks, and provides garden specialists for Casa de Ama education program. Goin' Native provided over 12 volunteers to the project.
7. See Financial Summary attached.

Bicycle Rodeo

1. This bike safety event, held in October for elementary and middle school children in San Juan Capistrano.
2. 36 SJC Rotarians participated in this all-day event.
3. Children from 3-4 different schools attended. 80 of the children were fitted with a bicycle helmet. Sessions were held on bike maintenance, rules of the road, obstacle courses, and a BBQ. 30 refurbished bicycles were raffled off. Safety t-shirts were handed out to all participants.
4. This event benefited all the children, as they will be able to ride their bicycles to school and for exercise more safely. While only 80 children took advantage of receiving a new bike helmet, there were more children that participated.
5. On the weekend of our event, there was a child hit by a car in another area in San Juan Capistrano, making bike safety a priority for parents, teachers, and residents.
6. In addition to SJC Rotarians, 12 Interact members worked with the children on the obstacle courses. We partnered with Great Opportunities, a local non-profit that provides local children with bicycles, and Mission Hospital, which provided 3-4 staff members and the bicycle helmets, which they fitted for each of the children needing a helmet. The local Veteran's association provided the grill for the BBQ.
7. See Financial Summary attached.

Shoes for the Sole

1. Provide a new pair of shoes to students in Tijuana, Mexico.
2. The SJC Rotarians all sponsored pairs of shoes. 10 Rotarians made the trip to Tijuana to distribute the shoes.
3. 356 students, from 24 separate small schools (associated with a church organization) received a new pair of shoes, socks, and a backpack of school supplies.
4. In addition to the students and their families, the schools and teachers are also benefiting with having the students improved attendance, with a few basic supplies.
5. Most of these students are from immigrant families that are in desperate financial straits. Providing these basic items that the families are unable to give their children remove a little stress from the families.

6. In addition to the SJC Rotary club, financial support was provided by the San Clemente Rotary club. We partnered with the Rotary E-club Noroeste Global in Tijuana, who provided the backpacks and school supplies.
7. See Financial Summary attached.