



Rotary Club of: Fullerton	Date: 6/13/24
Project Name/Title: Tara's Chance Tack Shed	
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1. Please provide a brief description of the project, and indicate the project beneficiaries (who is being served?):

Assembling a tack shed kit for Tara's Chance, an organization that serves children with special needs with equine therapy. (See attached for more information about Tara's Chance)
 In 2014, Tara's Chance built our current tack shed to store saddles, pads, reins, boots, helmets, program equipment, and more when we served 30 children with special needs. Since then, we have expanded to serve 95 children with special needs each week, requiring us to more than double our program equipment. However, the 96-square-foot tack shed has not increased in size. We now have inadequate space and must move equipment to a larger storage shed at the opposite end of the property. By more than doubling the available tack space near our riding arena, we could keep all the necessary program equipment exactly where we need it. This will transform our ability to serve our riders with special needs by saving time, increasing organization, allowing our riders to gain independence in safely accessing their equipment, and expanding the equipment we use in our program while keeping it secure.

2. Indicate the project start and end dates: *(The project may not begin prior to the district receiving approval from TRF. Reimbursements for earlier expenses are not eligible. Projects must have an end date no later than the end of the Rotary year.)*

Project start date:	7/15/2024
Project end date:	4/1/2025

3. Project location (select one): **Community** **Mexico**
(If the project is in Mexico, will there be a Rotary club from Mexico involved in the project? If so, indicate the name of the Rotary club and explain the members' involvement.)

4. List the project funding amounts *(Club contribution must be equal to or greater than the amount requested from the district):*

Club contribution:	\$	3453
District DDF (amount requested from district):	\$	3397
Other participating clubs - list club name(s) and contribution amount(s) below:		
	\$	
	\$	
Grant Project - Total	\$	6850



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5. **Indicate whether there is other involvement and financial support** (*If non-Rotary organizations will be involved in your club project, please describe the involvement and any financial support you are receiving for the project – for example, in-kind contributions, discounts, cash donations*):

Tara's Chance will be providing the concrete foundation pad for the shed from their own resources. Our club will provide the shed and shed assembly.

6. **Describe the participation of club members** (*Your club members must be actively involved in this project. Please indicate how many members of your club will participate in this project and describe their activities*):

This project requires over 30 Rotarians to assemble the 180-square-foot prefabricated tack shed, including the floor, walls, roof, doors, and windows. Additionally, a full team is needed to paint the shed. It will take at least two working days for Rotarians to assemble and paint the tack shed, plus an additional two days prior for constructing the foundation. We will invite our Interactors and Rotaractors to participate in this project. Tara's Chance will utilize its donors to construct the foundation and supports needed for the shed. We will also have a Rotary plaque displayed on the shed to show our appreciation and share the amazing work of Rotary with all who visit Tara's Chance.

7. **Describe how funds will be safeguarded and tracked** (*If funds are to be distributed to a partner in Mexico who will be responsible for the funds? How will transfers of funds to Mexico be handled?*):

The funds will be held in our club bank account under supervision of our treasurer. No funds will be dispersed until our club receives paid receipts from Tara's Chance and we can track progress being made on the project. Final funds will dispersed upon completion of the project.

8. **Describe how your club will use the project funds (list the types of expenses / items to be purchased)**:

The club will purchase a Wood Storage Storage Shed Kit with a floor from a reputabel store like Home Depot. The expected price for the Shed is \$6850.

Tara's chance is dedicated to promoting the physical, cognitive, and social well-being of those with special needs through equine assisted activities and therapies.

Taras Chance is applying to The Fullerton Rotary Club for \$6,000 in funding support for expenses associated with the cost of caring for one of our therapy horses for an entire year, Patrick.

Tara's Chance serves children with autism, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, physical handicaps, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), developmental delays, genetic syndromes (such as Down syndrome), traumatic brain injuries, major depressive disorder, and over 75 other diagnoses. Tara's Chance provides over 2,500 hours of individualized equine therapy annually through two programs. Tara's Chance serves individuals ages 3-37, 90% of participants are between 6 and 17.

Tara's Chance began in 2012 with one little girl named Bella. Bella was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) at the age of two. After being turned away from equine therapy centers in Orange County because Bella's needs were significant, Tara's Chance was founded to serve Bella and children just like her. Since 2012, Tara's Chance has grown to serve 95 clients weekly with twelve therapy horses.

Tara's Chance utilizes trained staff members and volunteers to accomplish therapeutic goals with an annual expense budget of \$539,000. We currently have a growing waiting list of 104 individuals with special needs. This waitlist has grown 100% organically through word-of-mouth testimonials of our program from parents to other families in the special needs community.