

# District 5790 Grant-Final Report Form 2014-15

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District Grant # P-627

Individual Project Report #

To be completed by Rotarians. Return this form to your District.

Rotary Club: ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON, TX.

Project Title: *Pre-GED and ABE Class Support*

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?

This project was a partnership effort between Rotary Club of Arlington and Arlington Municipal Library to re-equip, and re-energize one of three principal community based adult literacy programs in Tarrant County that provide classes for Adult English speaker basic education reading, and Pre-Ged. Project needed because of a total change in personnel within the Library structure that provided an eager, and service oriented staff; but one that lacked training in the specific needs of adult literacy at the Pre-GED level, and lacked the background of the program which had been started by Rotarians in 2010, before being transitioned to the library for sustained operation. In the 2014-15 project, Rotarians were active in consulting with the Library staff to identify the needs for staff training, new materials, etc. The project provided funds to the Arlington Municipal Library Foundation to purchase teaching systems and materials, needed equipment, and, most importantly, to provide the funding that enabled the key program leader(s) to have professional training in the best practices for teaching non-literate, or marginally literate English speaking adults. The materials were provided to the Literacy Center in Arlington, a home at the Methodist Church in which Rotary has met for 92 years, and where this literacy program was originally started by Rotary. The fruits of the current project are already visible as the individual now in charge of the program for the Library has become very knowledgeable and passionate about the work they are doing, and is well positioned to lead the program in the future.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?

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

While Rotarians provide teaching and other support, this project involved our President, and our Literacy Program coordinator. The Program Coordinator was instrumental in providing the new Library Staff with the basics of this level of Literacy instruction, and arranged for the new Library leadership to visit a major program in the area that originally provided all the teaching materials. The Rotarian also made contacts with Tarrant Literacy Coalition to obtain the information on specialists, and conferences that would best benefit the new Library staff in the field of Pre-GED instruction. These inputs were a primary resource in the Training and Development aspect of the project.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project?

18 direct plus family, and community in this year's group, but the benefits extend to the Library which now has a trained and equipped staff to operate the classes effectively in future years.

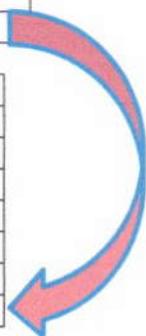
5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project?

Each step toward increasing the ability of adults to read at levels sufficient to read to their children, understand recipes, or medical prescriptions, or fill out job applications, elevates the capacity of the individual, and improves the community. The benefit is both to the individual, and to the community, since there is a direct correlation between lack of literacy and unemployment, crime, dependency, etc.

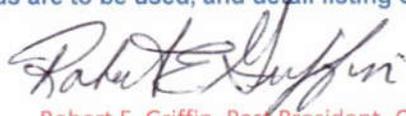
6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?  
 Arlington Municipal Library Foundation is the principal source of support for this level of literacy since it is not generally funded by State and Federal sources. Rotary works in coordination with this Foundation to provide resources to assist them to sustain this level of literacy classes.

**Financial Report** (District must retain receipts of all expenditures)(N/A)

7. Income	Amount
1. District Grant funds received from the District	2500
2. Other funding (specify) <b>Rotary Club of Arlington funds</b>	2500
3. Additional Library Budget Source for over-run	28.81
<b>Total Project Income</b>	<b>\$5028.71</b>
<b>8. Expenditures (please be specific and add lines as needed)</b>	
Training/Professional (see postings for detail of all expenditures)	1676.16
Instructional Materials	1667.80
Equipment	184.75
Software (Think60) licenses	1200.00
Promotion – volunteer recruiting & Promotion – student enrollment	300.00
<b>Total Project Expenditures</b>	<b>\$5028.71</b>



9. By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Simplified 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 check payable to 3<sup>rd</sup> party non-profit organization, letter from that organization stating the amount, date of gift, and purpose for which the funds are to be used, and detail listing of actual purchases have been provided to the district.

Certifying Signature  Date: May 5, 2015

Print Name, Rotary Title, and Club Robert E. Griffin, Past President- Club Literacy Coordinator, Rotary Club of Arlington, TX.