

District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Rotary Club of Laguna Beach

Project Title: Surf & Turf Therapy

Progress Report Final Report

1. Briefly describe the project. What was done, when and where did project activities take place, and who were the beneficiaries?
 Surf & Turf Therapy is an organization whose mission is to better the lives of individuals with physical and/or developmental deficits through non-traditional modalities such as therapeutic horseback riding and surfing programs.

Our project sponsored a scholarship for a child with disabilities and her sibling, whose family had demonstrated financial need, thus enabling that child and sibling to participate in Surf & Turf's therapeutic horseback riding and sibling support programs. In February, several Rotarians were able to visit the "barn" at Surf & Turf to observe the two girls receiving their therapy session with the horses. Also as part of this project, we supported the organization's fundraising activities by filling "goody bags" during a weekly meeting for attendees at Surf & Turf's large fundraising event last fall.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?

25 Rotarians filled the fundraising "goody bags".

Due to the sensitive nature of the visit, just 3 Rotarians observed the therapy session with the girls, however, 2 weeks after the visit, the 3 Rotarians presented a slide show and videos of the visit at our weekly meeting so the Rotarians in attendance could "participate" vicariously.

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

25 Rotarians filled "goody bags" for Surf & Turf's large fundraiser held in October.

3 Rotarians visited the "barn" and observed the girls' therapy session with the horses. Just a small number were able to observe due to the sensitive nature of the visit. Approximately 2 weeks after their visit, the 3 Rotarians presented a slide and video show at our weekly meeting to bring the experience to our Rotarians to get a look at how our money was being spent. It was very impactful.

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

The direct impact of our project benefitted the two siblings of a family with demonstrated financial need. But Surf & Turf Therapy provides 108 hours of therapy sessions weekly, 6 days a week, which impacts many children and adults with disabilities, giving them the opportunity to improve daily life skills. By addressing deficits in strength, stability, body awareness, coordination, safety, tone management, flexibility, attention and sensory integration, the therapies Surf & Turf provides gives individuals the opportunity to function more fully within their community and become contributing members.

The indirect impact of our project was increased awareness of the Surf & Turf organization. With our members assisting with Surf & Turf's large fundraiser, we helped increase awareness of the organization and the potential for more donors and supporters of their program.

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

Individuals with disabilities will be able to integrate more fully into the community and become contributing members of society. Increased awareness of the Surf & Turf organization could bring in more donors/supporters of their cause so they would be able to increase their reach to more people.

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

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income	Amount
1. District Grant funds approved by the District	635
2. Club contribution	1365
3. Other funding (specify)	
Total Project Income	2000

8. Expenditures - please be specific and add lines as needed - receipts must be attached

