



ASU x RTS Project Dorm Room 2024

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| Name of Event + Organization: Project Dorm Room, Ready to Succeed | Leads: Maddy Braybrooke (Community Engagement + Resource Manager for Ready to Succeed, madison@readytosucceedla.org) Evalyne Cambron (Rotary Member) |
| Date: August 11th, 2024 | Amount Awarded From Rotary Grant: \$3,000 |
| Location: ASU Bridging Success | Students Served: 20 |

Event Description

Every year, former foster youth embark on their college journeys without the support systems that many of their peers take for granted. Unlike traditional students who often have friends and family helping them move in and source essential dorm materials, these students frequently begin their higher education experience alone. The cost of outfitting a dorm room with basic necessities typically amounts to \$750, creating a significant financial barrier. Through Project Dorm Room (PDR), we aim to relieve this burden by providing dorm room bundles at no cost to students, allowing them to start their college journey strong and with a sense of stability.

Impact

Thanks to the Rotary Club's support, we were able to provide dorm room bundles (dorm room duffel bag + toiletry tote) to **20 students at ASU**, ensuring that they started their college experience with the essentials needed for a comfortable and successful transition. Each student expressed deep gratitude for the assistance, noting that these supplies alleviated a major stressor and allowed them to focus on their academics and new opportunities.

Student Testimonials:

- *"I was worried about how I would afford everything for my dorm. This support made a huge difference and made my room feel like home."*
- *"Knowing that people care and want to help me succeed means everything. I feel more confident starting my first year at ASU and I don't feel so alone."*

| Materials Provided in the Duffel Bag | Materials Provided in the Toiletry Totes |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reversible comforter • Mattress pad • 2 Sheet sets • 2 Pillowcases • 2 Pillows • Throw blanket • 2 bath towels • Washcloth set • Hamper • Laundry Bag • Bedding accessory • Underbed storage • Clip fan • Clip lamp • Bedskirt panel • Dorm eating accessory • Outlet • Toiletry mesh bag • Rug | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set of Hangers • Set of Toothbrushes • Pack of Shaving Razors • Shaving Cream • Shampoo • Conditioner • Body Wash • Powder Fresh Deodorant • Laundry Detergent • Pack of Kleenex • Detangling Hairbrush • Cold Medicine • Pack of All Clear Wipes • Bluetooth Speaker • Journal • First Aid Kit • Reusable Toiletry Tote Bag • Acne Patches • Face Masks • Hydrating Facial Wipes • Feminine Products • Candy • Lemonade Packets |

| Cost Breakdown |
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| <p>Toiletries = \$1,083.90</p> <p>Shipping For Duffel Bags + Toiletry Totes = \$115</p> <p>Dorm.Co Bundles (\$235.22 x 20 Students) = \$4,704.46</p> <hr/> <p>Total Cost for ASU Project Dorm Room = \$5,902.90</p> <hr/> <p>\$5,902.90 - \$3,000 from Rotary Grant = \$2,902.90</p> <p>\$2,902.90 - \$1,000 donation from Robert Withers = \$1,902.90</p> <hr/> <p>Ready to Succeed covered the remaining \$1,902.90</p> |

*Photos Below



