

District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Rotary Club of Villa Park

Project Title: Lifestyles Cycles Toy Run

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Progress Report

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Final Report

1. Briefly describe the project. What was done, when and where did project activities take place, and who were the beneficiaries?
The Lifestyle Cycles Joy Ride Toy Run is an annual community initiative aimed at spreading holiday joy to underprivileged children. This year, the event took place at Orange Grove Elementary School in Anaheim and benefited over 1,100 children and their families from Orange Grove and Patrick Henry Elementary Schools. Activities included a police-escorted motorcycle parade, a toy giveaway of over 2,000 toys and 500 bicycles, a pancake breakfast sponsored by Black Sheep Harley-Davidsons for Christ, and carnival games. The event was organized by Lifestyle Cycles, led by Mark "Junior" Skolnick, in collaboration with the Villa Park Rotary Club and community volunteers. Together, these efforts created a memorable and impactful celebration of generosity and unity.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project? 15

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

The Rotarians from the Villa Park Rotary Club played a pivotal role in making the Lifestyle Cycles Joy Ride Toy Run a success. Two key examples of their contributions include:

1. **Fundraising and Donations:** The Rotarians organized toy and bicycle drives, secured in-kind donations from local businesses, and raised funds to support the event, ensuring that over 2,000 toys and 500 bicycles were available for the children.
2. **Event-Day Support:** On the day of the event, Rotarians assisted with setup, decorating the event space to create a festive atmosphere, and managing logistics. Several members also participated in the motorcycle parade, riding their Vespas alongside Harley-Davidsons, further enhancing the celebratory spirit.

Their dedication exemplified their motto of "Service Above Self" and had a profound impact on the event's success.

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

The Lifestyle Cycles Joy Ride Toy Run benefited over **1,100 children and their siblings**, as well as their families, from Orange Grove and Patrick Henry Elementary Schools in Anaheim. This brings the total number of non-Rotarians who directly benefited from the project to well over **1,100 individuals**, considering both the children and their family members who experienced the joy and relief this event provided during the holiday season.

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

The long-term community impacts of the Lifestyle Cycles Joy Ride Toy Run are profound and multifaceted:

1. **Strengthening Community Bonds:** The event fosters a spirit of unity and collaboration among participants, volunteers, and local organizations, creating stronger ties within the community.
2. **Inspiring Generosity:** By showcasing the power of collective giving, the project encourages ongoing philanthropy and inspires others to contribute to future initiatives.
3. **Providing Hope and Joy:** For the children and families who benefit, the event offers relief and optimism, demonstrating that their community cares for them and their well-being.
4. **Encouraging Volunteerism:** The success of the event motivates volunteers and organizations, such as the Villa Park Rotary, to expand their outreach efforts and continue their service to those in need.

Overall, the Toy Run creates a lasting positive ripple effect, nurturing a culture of kindness and collaboration that benefits the community for years to come.

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

A key cooperating organization for the Lifestyle Cycles Joy Ride Toy Run was **Lifestyle Cycles**, led by Mark "Junior" Skolnick. Their roles included:

1. **Event Leadership:** Lifestyle Cycles initiated and organized the event, leveraging its reputation and community connections to secure support and participation.
2. **Resource Provision:** The organization served as the primary driver behind the donation of over 2,000 toys and 500 bicycles, ensuring the event had the necessary resources to bring joy to the children and their families.

Through its leadership and dedication, Lifestyle Cycles set the foundation for the event's success, demonstrating the impact of a local business committed to giving back to the community.

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income

Amount

1. District Grant funds approved by the District	\$2,500
2. Club contribution	\$3,588.49
Total Project Income	\$6,088.49

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

1. Chariot Travelware Toys (Invoice 2119 & 2211)	\$6,088.49
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Total Project Expenditures	\$6,088.49

9. By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District 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 all grant-funded expenditures have been provided to the district. I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will become the property of RI and will not be returned. I warrant that I own all rights in the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or at any time in the future, throughout the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or later developed. This includes the right to modify the photograph(s) as necessary in RI's sole discretion. This also includes, without limitation, use on or in the web sites, magazines, brochures, pamphlets, exhibitions and any other promotional materials of RI and TRF.

Certifying Signature



Date: 04/21/2025

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