

### District Grant Report

Rotary Club: Laguna Beach

Project Title: Get Inspired" - Orange County Ocean Restoration Project

☐ 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?

"Get Inspired", founded by Marine Biologist Nancy Caruso, is a 501c3 organization with a long-term goal of restoring natural ocean species to our Southern California coastline (Orange County Ocean Restoration). Our club's project is to become involved with this program, at an educational level, by supporting activities for students in the Orange County schools and participating in community outreach events to increase awareness for the public of the critical importance of the coastal ecosystem in all of our lives.

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, our club supported a hands-on educational event "Art & Nature Festival" at the Laguna Art Museum where we created and manned stations to teach children about the ocean habitat and importance of the ecosystem.

We also provided supplies to local high schools to facilitate an educational program in which the students grew sea bass and abalone in the classroom to be released to the ocean.

Beneficiaries: the community of Orange County, the students who are learning and participating in the program (STEM) and, of course, the ocean.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?

The whole club was involved in selecting activities for children for the "Art & Nature Festival". Several club members helped with the organization of the event and six Rotarians, in addition to 6 Interact students participated in the actual event.

The chair of the "Get Inspired" committee worked directly with the founder of the organization to oversee the purchase of supplies needed for the high school's projects.

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

Rotarians at the educational event sat with children to help with craft activities which taught the children about the ocean and it's inhabitants.

The chair of the "Get Inspired" committee worked directly with the founder of the organization to oversee the purchase of supplies needed for the high school's projects which included building and creating ocean tanks, providing food for the fish, and maintaining a proper habitat to grow the sea bass and abalone.

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

Approximately 100 people attended the educational event.

Ten high schools in the Orange County area received supplies to grow sea bass and abalone over the course of the school year.

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

Increased awareness of the importance of the ecosystem of the ocean and the balance of nature, primarily directed to younger children and high school students.

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

Not applicable

### Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income

Amount

1. District Grant funds approved by the District	806
2. Club contribution	1086
3. Other funding (specify)	
<b>Total Project Income</b>	<b>1892</b>

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

1. Supplies for the Art Museum event	130.52
2. School Supplies	520.15

3. School Supplies Cont.'	518.90
4. Classroom Supplies	735.38
5.	
6.	
<b>Total Project Expenditures</b>	<b>1904.95</b>

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 Sharon Plumley Date: 4/26/25

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