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Matching Grant Proposal

Emmetsburg Rotary Club - International Project

The Rio Claro Cidade Azul Rotary Club from District #4590 in Brazil, the Emmetsburg Rotary Club* from District #5970 in the USA and the Caracas Rotary Club from District #4370 in Venezuela are working together in meeting a donation request for a utility van from the charity institution named: INSTITUIÇÃO EDUCACIONAL BENEFICENTE "NOSSE LAR".

The van will be primarily used in providing transportation to children associated with the institution and provide the ability to meet other educational opportunities, medical needs and provide for benefits for the continued operation of the institution.

The charity institution "Nosso Lar" (Our Home), has been in existence for 66 years and is a non-governmental, non-profit organization that has as its primary mission the care of children referred by the Judiciary of Rio Claro district. The district serves the cities of Rio Claro, Ipeúna, Santa Gertrudes, Corumbataí, Ajapi, Analândia and Itirapina. This institution is the only entity in the district that provides shelter to children referred by the legal system the Rio Claro County.

The family's role in the healthy development of children and adolescents is widely recognized. Children who grow up as orphans or are abandoned, carry with them emotional wounds that often do not heal and produce emotional scars and psychological difficulties. Based on this, the institution's mission is "to contribute to a better life for the children and adolescents it serves by promoting the integral development, ensuring their right to life, dignity and citizenship experience through education.

The institution serves 87 children ages 0 to 18 years old. Of these, 57 are full-time residents and 30 part-time residents of the institution. Children served come from dysfunctional homes or from homes with unsafe living conditions. Many of the children sheltered come from families in extreme poverty, have been sexually abused by parents or close relatives, or had been living in extremely unstable conditions exposed to drugs and alcohol abuse. It is a common occurrence to see newborns coming to the institution experiencing withdrawal symptoms because of their mothers' drug consumption during pregnancy.

In spite of all the economic challenges experienced by the institution, children receive daily care as well as all the necessary psychological, social, spiritual and educational support they need. To accomplish this, "Nosso Lar" relies on their staff as well as with several volunteers that provide an array of different services for the children that involve the areas of sports, arts, educational and leisure activities.

Rio Claro's Fire Department is one of the local organizations that volunteer their time and resources to work with the children at the institution. Firefighters teach them citizenship, ethics, first aid and physical activities. Children, especially boys, learn swimming and participate in work-outs under the firefighters' guidance as firefighters do their own physical activities.

The institution "Nosso Lar" does not own a vehicle to help in providing the services to meet the needs of 87 children. **This limits the effectiveness of the services provided.** On a regular basis, the children need to be transported to different activities such as school and additional school tutoring, not to mention the need for transportation for medical emergencies, dental and psychologists' appointments. Since the institution does not have the use of its own vehicle, it has to appeal and rely on the help of volunteers who own vehicles. This situation represents risks in the case of medical emergencies as well as the inability to effectively and efficiently perform their mission.

*Emmetsburg Rotary Club represents a consortium of clubs from District 5970

PROJECT BUDGET

Explanation: For detailed information on what TRF funds, please see *The Guide to Matching Grants* (144-EN). Official RI exchange rates can be found at www.rotary.org. Please use the most recent rate. Please provide pro-forma invoices for budget items over US\$10,000 or when all budget items will be purchased from the same supplier.

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PROJECT FINANCING

Explanation: Clearly list all financing in U.S. dollars (please use whole dollars as TRF does not match cents) noting which funds will be contributed in cash and which will be contributed from District Designated Funds (DDF). Use of DDF must be authorized by the district Rotary Foundation committee chair and the district governor. TRF matches US\$0.50 for every \$1 cash contribution and \$1 for every \$1 contribution from DDF. The primary host club or district must provide at least \$100 in either DDF or cash.

NOTE: No funds should be sent to TRF prior to official Trustee approval. Upon approval, a letter will be sent to the sponsors notifying them of approval and providing detailed instructions on how and where to submit their contributions.

Host Rotary clubs or district inside the project country (The primary host club or district must provide at least US\$100.)	Cash (US\$)	DDF (US\$)	DRFC Chair (Print Name)	DRFC Chair Authorization	District Governor (Print Name)	District Governor Authorization
District 4590		6,000	Pasqual Satalino		Nelson Micuci Garcia	
Rotary Club Rio Claro Cidade Azul	3,000					
International Rotary clubs or district outside the project country	Cash (US\$)	DDF (US\$)	DRFC Chair (Print Name)	DRFC Chair Authorization	District Governor (Print Name)	District Governor Authorization
Caracas Rotary Club	500					
Emmetsburg Rotary Club	500	???	Vicky Mallory		Jim Patton	
Please see list of consortium of Rotary Clubs involved from District 5970	???		Vicky Mallory		Jim Patton	
Subtotals, Cash and DDF	???					
TOTAL cosponsor contributions						
Total funds requested from TRF (must be at least US\$5,000)	???					
Additional outside funding (not matched by, or forwarded to, TRF) Please specify the source of this funding.						
Total project financing (must equal budget on page 4)	27,138.89					