**Castro Valley Rotary Club Provides Backpacks to Castro Valley Students**

The Rotary Club of Castro Valley purchased and fully stocked ninety-six multicolored backpacks for local school students who might not otherwise have the supplies needed to start their 2018-19 school year successfully.   Fifteen Castro Valley Rotarians gathered at Dr. Heidi Hausauer’s dental office to form a production line to “stock” each backpace with school supplies, including a binder, notebooks, crayons, colored pencils, erasers, scissors, glue sticks, index cards, and pencils.  This year is the fifth year that Rotary has completed this project.

Project Coordinator Dr. Heidi Hausauer stated “The Rotary Club Of Castro Valley is proud of our Castro Valley students and their accomplishments in and out of the classroom.  Hopefully, a new backpack of school supplies will encourage them as well as giving them some of the tools they need to be prepared to learn.   We are committed to today's children, and  want our students to have every opportunity to be successful as they begin their school year.”

Charles Mortimer, President of the Rotary Club of Castro Valley stated “The backpack project supports the Object of Rotary to ‘encourage and foster the ideal of service as the basis of worthy enterprise’.”

**Pictured:**

(L-R): Bruce D. Johnson (Superintendent Emeritus, Redwood Christian Schools), Ajay Ahluwalia, Parvin Ahmadi (Superintendent, Castro Valley Unified School District), Carol Bigelow, Ray Wallace, Ceta Dochterman, Charles Mortimer (CV Rotary President), John Aufdermauer, Natalie Anglin (holding sign), Todd Anglin, Randy Vanderful, Ben Gurule, Bill Nott, Gary Howard (CVUSD Board Member), and Heidi Hausauer (Project Coordinator)

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