

Community Service Activities

2019 – 2020

1. Started Year with BOGO campaigns

In late June, we started advising members of the best buy one/get one offers to gather food supplies and school materials



2. Delivered Check and Food Supplies to Miami Rescue Mission (July)

Delivered a \$250.00 check and non-perishable food supplies to the needy who are addressed by the Miami Rescue Mission.



3. Delivered Check and School Supplies to Children's Home Society (July)

Delivered a \$250.00 check and Back-to-School Supplies to CHS. CHS provides supports to foster children.



4. Delivered Non-Perishable Food Supplies to the Kosher Food Bank (July).

Delivered non-perishable food supplies in Aventura



5. Participated at the Christmas in July event at the Miami Rescue Mission

On July 25th, Rotary Club of Miami volunteers fed approximately 300 homeless fellow citizens. Key take away: “Count your blessings every day, help and pray for those less fortunate”



6. Packed School Supplies for Haiti

On July 29th, volunteers from the Rotary Club of Miami and from the Miami Senior High School Interact Club sorted and packed school supplies destined for Haiti.



7. Attended the White Coat Ceremony

On July 30th, the Rotary Club of Miami representatives attended the FIU White Coat Ceremony. Our Club was recognized due to our efforts through the TBM scholarship program.



8. Change for Change initiative

A “Piggy Bank” was placed at the entrance for everyone who can spare some change in their pockets. Some of our more mature Rotarians may remember Bing Crosby’s song, “Brother, can you spare a dime.”



9. Collected Hygiene Products for the Elderly

In August, we collected hygiene products for the elderly. Member participation was extraordinary.



10. Volunteering at the Homestead Food Bank

On August 10th, eleven Rotarians spent the entire morning helping at the Homestead Food Bank, located in the First United Methodist Church. An estimated 1,000 people queued up throughout the morning to receive food supplies.



11. School Supplies Delivered in Homestead

School supplies were delivered to immigrant children. These included backpacks and other important school materials.



12. Packing and Sorting Supplies for PACE

On September 1st, a group sorted and packed over 1,300 items that had been donated by members and friends of our Club for distribution to the elderly at the PACE adult day care facility.



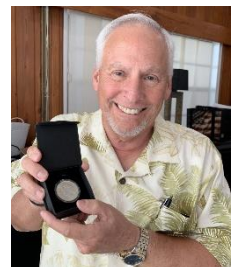
13. Collaborated with the efforts to support Bahamas

The Rotary Club immediately after the hurricane participated and sent a \$1,000 check to the District to purchase needed items for onward shipment to the Northwest Bahamian Rotary Clubs. Individually many members contributed



14. Silver Dollar Fund Raiser

The Club was able to secure a 1922 Peace Silver Dollar as a fundraiser. Tim Ryan ended up winning the raffle. A total of \$122 was raised through this effort.



15. Grandparents Day Celebration at PACE

Many of our members visited PACE on September 6th to celebrate Grandparents Day with the senior citizens who attend the adult day care center. Senior citizens were provided with gifts, prizes, cakes and music.



16. Beach Cleanup – Int'l Coastal Cleanup

On September 21st, nine Rotarians, fifteen Interact and four Rotaract students gathered to cleanup Matheson Hammock Beach. Afterwards the students enjoyed hanging out at Diane Landsberg's home.



17. Milk & Food Project

On September 22nd, nine volunteers from the Rotary Club of Miami and the fifteen Interact at Miami Senior High gathered to pack and deliver food gift bags. During the delivery process, Norm Kassoff visited a home where the recipient passed away four hours before their visit. Norm and the students comforted the widow and handled this situation brilliantly.



18. Met with Bill White at Miami Lead Business

On September 25th, met with Pastor Bill White at the Christ Journey Church to discuss about the Rotary Club of Miami participation with their **FEED MIAMI** program.



19. **SLAM!**

On September 25th, members of our Club attended the Kick-off event of the Walk to End Alzheimer's. The event was held at **SLAM!**, a charter school, mostly funded by Pitbull (the famous 305 singer).



20. **Soccer Training For Underprivileged**

The Rotary Club provided funding and soccer supplies to “Something to Play For” a non-profit that provides soccer training and basic education on weekends to underprivileged children. Some of our members helped at the training sessions during the weekends.



21. **Literacy Month**

September was Literacy Month and we collected books throughout the month to deliver to those who need books.

On an ongoing basis, the Rotary Club of Miami delivers dictionaries to 3rd Grade classes in underserved schools.



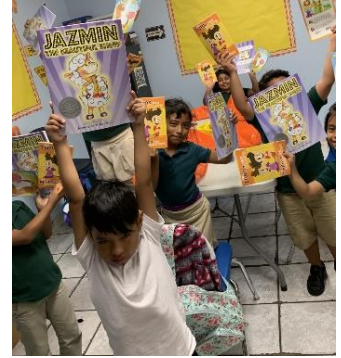
22. **Socktober**

As of October 1st, we started collecting new white crew socks to donate to the chronically homeless in downtown Miami.



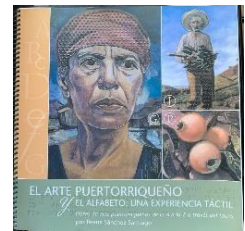
23. Delivered Books in Homestead

On October 3rd, four hundred bilingual books were delivered to Touching Miami w/ Love. They provide afterschool care and support to underprivileged children (academic, social and moral programs). The children were delighted.



24. Tactile Art Book for Lighthouse of the Blind

A tactile art book, especially designed for the sight impaired was secured and will be delivered to Lighthouse for the Blind.



25. Books delivered to Young Soccer Players

Sixty-eight books for school-aged children were delivered to "Something to Play For", a non-profit soccer program for underprivileged children.



26. On-line environmental campaigns

Initiated on-line campaigns where members can take action by just a click to have their concerns forwarded to the appropriate authorities. We have supported various issues through the National Wildlife Federation, Ocean Conservancy, Nature Conservancy and Change.org.



27. World Polio Day

On October 24th, World Polio Day was commemorated with a joint meeting inviting the Coconut Grove Club. Funds were raised and Norm Kassoff, a polio survivor, lectured about his experience and how close we are to eradicating this preventable disease.



28. Tactile Art Book for Lighthouse of the Blind

On October 28th, a tactile art book, especially designed for the sight impaired was delivered to Lighthouse for the Blind. El Arte Puertorriqueño, features prints of artwork by famous Puerto Rican artists. Each print has relief overlays that essentially superimpose the design beneath. This method of printing provides the sight impaired with a tactile experience of each masterpiece.



29. Individual Challenge

Members were challenged to create their own Community Service project for Daylight Saving Time Day on Nov. 3rd. That day is an hour longer, so we challenged members to come up with their own project on how to use that extra hour to help others and submit them. Prizes were given out for the most creative projects.



30. Food Collection as of November 3rd

Non-perishable food drive started on November 3rd and will run through December 19th. We are collecting to feed the hungry through the **FEED MIAMI** program. Members were advised of BOGO's through emails.



31. Walk to End Alzheimer's

The Club team walked together on November 16th in the Walk to End Alzheimer's. We included the Miami Senior High School Interact and the Miami Dade Rotaract students as part of our group.



32. Distribute Socks to the Homeless

On November 22nd, we distributed the socks to the homeless that were collected during Socktober. Additionally, we served and fed the homeless at the Miami Rescue Mission, also known as the Caring Place.



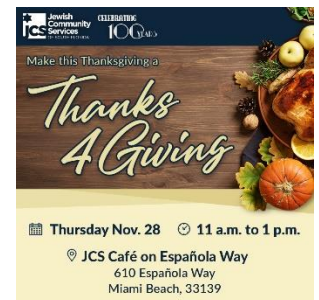
33. Heart Walk

The Club team walked as a group on November 24th in the Heart Walk. We included the Miami High School Interact and the Miami Rotaract students as part of our group.



34. Thanks-4-Giving

On Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, we served a dinner to lonely senior citizens at the JSC Café on Española Way.



35. Heartwarming Holidays 2019

On December 4th, donated over twenty light jackets & hoodies for those in need in the Coconut Grove community, assisting the Rotary Club of Coconut Grove



36. Overtown Girl Scouts

On December 11th, the Overtown Girl Scout Troop #1877 was treated to a financial literacy class. They also received a piggy bank, and some fund to start savings. These included an Eisenhower silver dollar, a dollar bill and four quarters, plus a Lindt chocolate for Christmas.



37. Sorting & Packing Non-Perishable Food

On weekend of December 14th, volunteers from our Club and the Miami Senior High School Interact Club will sorted and packed FEED MIAMI food gift bags.



38. FEED MIAMI

On December 19th, at our Rotary Club, we will delivered member donated non-perishable food items to Pastor Bill White. These supplies will be distributed through his church's program, **FEED MIAMI**.



39. Drum Set Delivered to Little Haiti

On January 7th a complete drum set was donated to the Church Notre Dame de Haiti, and a second drum was donated to be delivered to Haiti for use in a local church.



40. Tree Planting & Reforestation

On February 8th, we will be planting trees in an area of the Zoo Miami. This reforestation is extremely important not only to help build Miami's canopy, but also, this space will serve as a browse grove for some Zoo Miami animals.



41. All Terrain Wagons donated to Girl Scouts

The Overtown Girl Scout Troop 1877 received a two All Terrain Wagons for our Club. Additionally, Club Members participated by purchasing \$541 of GirlScout Cookies. The Girl Scouts were so happy.



Upcoming Projects

42. Delivering Dictionaries and Bilingual Booklets

In March we will deliver dictionaries to third grade students in needy area schools. Bilingual booklets will be delivered to migrant children and ESL students in kindergarten, first and second grade



43. Bringing Joy to Senior Citizens

We will be returning to PACE before the Easter Holiday on April 3rd and will bring joy to the senior citizens who are at this adult day care facility.



44. **Matzah Mitzah**

On April 5th, we will be packing Passover Foods at Temple Judea and then Delivering these foods to home bound Senior citizens and holocaust survivors.



45. **Baynanza**

On April 18th, our Club will participate with the Baynanza project which is coordinated by Miami Dade County. On this date, thousands of citizens will collectively work to cleanup our beaches along Biscayne Bay. We will work in the Matheson Hammock region.



46. **Returning to the Homestead Food Bank**

In early May we will return to the Homestead Food Bank at the First United Methodist Church to sort, pack and distribute fresh food to the needy.



47. **Serving Homeless at the Chapman Partnership**

In June, volunteers from our Club will serve lunch to the homeless at the Chapman Partnership in Downtown Miami.



We may still have other activities to be scheduled