

Rotary International Significant Achievement Award

Rotary District 5870

2012-2013

Rotary Club of Georgetown Sun City

The District Governor may nominate only one eligible club from the district for The Rotary International Significant Achievement Award which recognizes a club project in their local community that:

- Addresses a significant problem or need in the local community.
- Involve most or all of the club's members in person rather than monetary service.
- Be commensurate with the size of the club and its available resources.
- Enhance the image of Rotary in the community.
- Be able to be emulated by other Rotary Clubs.
- Be active during the Rotary year for which the award is being given.

It is my pleasure to announce that this year's recipient of the Rotary International Significant Achievement Award is the Rotary Club of Georgetown Sun-City for their Breakfast with Santa project. December 2012 was the 12th year of the Breakfast with Santa project that provides help to needy families in the Georgetown area during the Christmas season. Beginning with just 3 families in 2001, the project served 42 families in 2012 with a total of 130 children. The project also provides significant cash contributions to the Christmas Out Reach program for families in nearby Jarrell, Texas. The Georgetown ISD, Extended School Enrichment program, identifies families needing help, along with detailed information for each child including clothing size, and gift ideas. Rotarians, family members and other volunteers custom shops for each child, then warps and prepares for delivery more that 800 gifts. When gifts are delivered the family is also provided with a grocery store gift card to help with their Christmas dinner.

Funds for the \$25,000 annual project are raised through sponsorships and donations by community businesses and individuals, and from ticket sales for the annual Breakfast with Santa pancake and sausage breakfast. The breakfast is prepared by Georgetown Firefighters and served by Rotarians and volunteers. In December 2012 more than 1,000 people were served, and each child present was given an opportunity to visit with Santa and have their picture taken.

President Jamie Mattison stated, "Seeing the hope and joy in the faces of the many children and families this project has helped for the past 12 Christmases makes very member proud to be a Rotarian." **Congratulations.**

Ricky E. Price, Governor

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