

**FOUNDATION OF THE ROCHESTER LATINO ROTARY CLUB, INC.  
ANNUAL REPORT  
JULY 1, 2016 – JUNE 30, 2017**

The Foundation of the Rochester Latino Rotary Club was incorporated on July 23, 2014 as a not-for-profit charitable corporation. The purpose of the Foundation is to receive and dispense funds for the charitable service of the Rochester Latino Rotary Club. The club focuses its charitable services to humanitarian projects that address the needs of the Rochester Community and other countries.

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## LITERACY COMMITTEE

Chair: Dr. Miriam Vázquez



Goal: Recognizing the important role literacy plays in improving lives and empowering people, the Rochester Latino Rotary Club is committed to supporting universal literacy and education initiatives in our community and around the world.

Objectives: To participate in the Fall 2017 District Literacy Seminar. To continue the following projects in our community: Dictionary, Parents as Reading Partners, Kindergarten Reading, Blue Shelf. To continue the following international project: *Books and school supplies for an elementary school in El Sauce, Nicaragua*.

Project/Budget	Objective	Project Purpose	Project Impact	Goal Met	Continue
School Supply Scholarship – International 525.00	Provide scholarships to students at an elementary school in El Sauce, Nicaragua.	To help students with school uniforms, shoes, book bags and school supplies.	Seven scholarships were awarded.	Yes	Yes
Dictionary Project 120.00	Provide fourth graders and new to the school eighth graders with a bilingual dictionary (English/Spanish).	To assist students with writing tools for Spanish and English writing lessons and vocabulary development.	120 dictionaries were distributed.	Yes	Yes
Parents as Reading Partners Project 437.50	Provide a book and pamphlet describing bedtime reading to parents of <u>newborns</u> .	To help parents understand the value of reading to their babies and how it helps them develop language and reading skills.	In partnership with Healthy Baby Network prepared 450 bags for expectant moms. Provided workshops to help them understand the importance and benefits of	Yes	Yes



			reading to their newborns.		
Kindergarten Reading Project 1,301.90	Provide a book and pamphlet describing bedtime reading to parents of <u>school age children</u>	To help parents understand the value of reading to their children and how it helps them develop language and reading skills.	112 books were distributed to the kindergarten students at Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School.	Yes	Yes
Blue Shelf Project 0.00	Restock the shelf located at the Clinton Family Center twice a year (in the fall and in the Spring). The books and magazines will be donated by Rotary members, their family and friends.	To provide reading material to community members as they wait for their appointments.	The Blue shelf was restocked several times during the 2016-17 year.	Yes	Yes

## COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

Chair: Aida Veras and Charol Rios



Goal: To provide services to our community and people in need.

Objectives: To provide Health information and healthy choices to our community. To assist families in need and the homeless with food. To provide scholarship assistance to high school Latino students entering college.

Project/Budget	Objective	Project Purpose	Project Impact	Goal Met	Continue
Scholarships 1,500.00	Support students to fulfill career opportunities and to promote the importance of further education.	To provide three \$500 scholarships to three students entering college.	Financial assistance to three students.	Yes	Yes
House of Mercy 500.00	Assist the special needs of the homeless community.	To provide funds for the purchase of food items to provide meals to homeless individuals.	70 people and several food bags distributed to families in the Hudson Ave neighborhood.	Yes	Yes
Youth Baseball League 500.00	Support a Latino youth sport team and promote healthy activities.	To provide sponsorship for one team	The sponsorship covered the uniforms and equipment used by one of the teams in the Hispanic League	Yes	Yes
Food Pantry Project 500.00	Assist the food needs of low income families in our community.	Partner with a Hispanic church to provide food baskets to families in need	40 food baskets were distributed to families in the neighborhood.	Yes	Yes
Christmas Project 600.00	Preserve the Latino culture tradition of celebrating the Magic of the Three Kings.	To use the arts as a platform to teach positive self-expression.	16 young people (ages 15-25) created an original performance piece (music, lyrics and dance).	Yes	Yes

Community Garden Project 300.00	Maintain Father Tracy's memorial garden.	To clean and plant flowers during spring & summer.	The garden beautifies the Clinton Ave neighborhood around St. Michael's church.	Yes	Yes
Health Project 600.00	Promote healthy lifestyles by focusing on the mind, body & soul	To provide workshops on family health education, mindfulness, and opportunities for physical activity.	25 families (mostly from the Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School) attended the sessions.	Yes	Yes

### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Chair: Elisa De Jesús



Goal: To enable RLRC members and others to contribute to The Rotary International Foundation to help fund humanitarian health and education activities locally and globally.

Objectives: To contribute at least \$700.00 to The Rotary International Foundation Polio Plus campaign. To contribute at least \$1,000.00 to The Rotary International Foundation Annual Program Share fund.

Project/Budget	Objective	Project Purpose	Project Impact	Goal Met	Continue
Polio 700.00	Raise \$700	To help eradicate polio worldwide.	Impact has been felt worldwide since a few cases have occurred in the past year	Yes	Yes
Program Share	Raise \$1,000	Program Share Fund	Funds donated to the Share	Yes	Yes



1,000.00			Fund Program come back to the district for simplified grants.		
Simplified Grant Computer Literacy 4,000.00	Provide computers to two First grade classrooms.	To promote literacy development in our community by assisting the Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School First grade students with technology that will assist the teachers in developing students' literacy skills.	With matching money (2,000 from RLRC, 2,000 from Simplified grant and 2,000 from the school), 10 computers were purchased (5 per classroom). Students use the computers for one on one reading practice, writing and math practice.	Yes	This was a one time project.

#### ANNUAL EVENT COMMITTEE

Chair: Dr. Miriam Vázquez



Goal: To plan an annual event that will generate the funds needed for the Club's projects for the following year.

Masquerade Ball Revenue	13,199.00
Masquerade Ball Expenses	4,790.40
Net Total (available for 2017-18 Projects)	8,408.60

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The Foundation's starting balance for the year was \$16,482.37.

During the year \$14,845.22 was generated from fundraisers and donations.

19,299.80 were expended on the 2016-2017 Club projects and fundraising event.

The foundation ended the year with a fund balance of \$12,027.79.

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