

GRAND FORKS NOON ROTARY CLUB

October 31, 2011

Dear Rotary Grant Subcommittee:

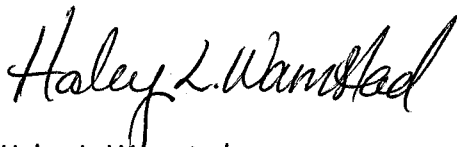
I am writing about an exciting project sponsored by the Grand Forks Noon Rotary Club for new Americans. Further, I am writing to request your consideration for a District Simplified Grant to assist our club in providing the Rosetta Stone language software to new Americans.

Each year, our state receives approximately 400 refugees. Many of the refugees that have recently arrived are from the Republic of Burundi and speak the Kirundi language. Many service providers in our community have experienced a difficult time obtaining translator services for this language. As a result, it is difficult to adequately inform the new Americans of services in our community, the laws of our government, and other experiences that many of us take for granted. For example, in the judicial system there has been an increase in the refugees involved in the system and a disruption in the processing of cases due to the lack of Kirundi interpreters.

The Grand Forks Noon Rotary Club would like to work with the Global Friends Coalition to purchase the Rosetta Stone software for new Americans. This software is a computer program that can teach the English language to a non-English speaking person through using pictures and activities. Without the ability to speak the English language, the opportunities to new Americans are limited and the transition to our community is significantly more difficult for our new citizens.

I respectfully request your committee support the refugee services in the Grand Forks community. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Haley L. Wamstad".

Haley L. Wamstad
President, Grand Forks Noon Rotary Club

12.2.11



District 5580 District Simplified Grant Application

Please print or type all information and use additional sheets of paper if necessary. *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

See District Simplified Grants (DSG) 'CRITERIA & GUIDELINES' (attached) for instructions, eligibility, and program requirements.

FOR DISTRICT 5580 USE ONLY (once Grant is approved)

District Grant No. WCS- 12.2.11 Date Approved 11/19/11
 District Grant Subcommittee Chair Signature [Signature]
 District Rotary Foundation Chair Signature [Signature]

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Please describe the project, its location, its objectives, and how they will be attained. Note: The project cannot be started until the district grants subcommittee approves the District Simplified Grant Application.

1. What is the purpose of this project? Provide a brief description.

The Grand Forks Noon Rotary Club is supporting the New American Services Global Friends Coalition. There are approximately 400 refugees that resettle in North Dakota each year. Lutheran Social Services provides services to the refugees located in North Dakota to assist with their transition to a new country. One of the most important components of their transition to the United States is often learning the English language. The Grand Forks Noon Rotary Club would like to assist with this effort by purchasing Rosetta Stone computer software, which is used to assist the refugees in the community with learning the English language. Our Rotarians will also have the opportunity to work with the Refugees in learning the English language.

2. How will it meet the needs of the community?

Hundreds of refugees resettle in our state each year. When they arrive, they need assistance with finding a job, applying for government services, and medical care. If the refugees are not prepared to be a citizen of our community, it becomes a strain on our community resources. If the refugees do not know the English language, it is difficult to assist them with their needs.

In addition, refugees benefit the community. They strengthen the local economy by supplying labor, occupying rental housing units and by simply being a consumer. Refugees also offset North Dakota's population decline and help offset declining school enrollment, the shrinking workforce and reduced tax base. Refugees also provide diversity to our community by sharing their experiences and traditions with others in our community.

3. How will the host and partner(s) (District 5580 Rotary Club(s) and/or others) communicate and work together to implement this project? Please provide specific examples of activities.

The Grand Forks Noon Rotary Club has set aside a financial contribution to purchase the computer software, Rosetta Stone, to teach the refugees the English language. In addition, our members will also have the opportunity to volunteer to assist the new Americans in learning the English language. The Global Friends Coalition, a non-profit organization, will work to arrange the facilities and computer usage with the Grand Forks Public Library.

Estimated project start date 12/01/2011 Estimated project completion date 07/01/2012

2. OTHER NON-ROTARY ORGANIZATIONS

If this project involves a cooperating organization, provide the name of the organization below, attaching a letter of participation from that organization that specifically states its responsibilities and how Rotarians will interact with the organization in the project. By signing this application, the Rotarian sponsors endorse the organization is reputable, responsible, registered with the project country, and acting within the laws of the project country.

Name of organization Global Friends Coalition

3. ROTARY CLUB IN DISTRICT MAKING THE APPLICATION

Name the club that will coordinate principal funding for the project and that will assume responsibility for the project.

Rotary Club Grand Forks Noon Rotary Club

Project Contacts: Two Rotarians must be listed who will provide oversight and management of the project funds for the entire duration of the project, even if it continues into another Rotary year.

Primary Contact

Name Haley Wamstad

Rotary position/title President

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58201

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cell

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fax

Additional Contact

Name Kirsten Stromsodt

Rotary position/title Board Member

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Country/postal code

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4. PROJECT BUDGET

Include a complete itemized budget for the entire project. Please use separate pages if necessary.

TOTAL \$5,250.00

5. PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, OR SUPPLIES

1. Who will own equipment, materials, or supplies? (Cannot be owned by a Rotary Club or Rotarian)

The software will be installed on computers in the Grand Forks Public Library.

2. Who will be responsible for maintenance, operating, and/or storage costs of the equipment/supplies?

Global Friends Coalition

6. PROPOSED FINANCING

If equipment/supplies will be shipped (in the event of this being an international project), have arrangements been made for custom clearance?

Please list all financing and indicate cash and District Simplified Grant money being requested.

Primary Sponsor Rotary Club	Amount Contributing
Grand Forks Noon Rotary Club	\$2,625.00
Other Rotary Clubs/Districts	
Additional funding from other sources (if any)	
SUBTOTAL	\$2,625.00
Amount requested from District Simplified Grant (Not to exceed amount contributed by Rotary Club(s))	\$2,625.00
TOTAL	\$5,250.00

7. PUBLICITY

How will the general public know that this is a Rotary-sponsored project? Please provide details, e.g. publicity in a newspaper or display of the Rotary wheel.

Upon launching the computer software, the Grand Forks Noon Rotary Club will host a fundraising event. At this event, we will invite community members, refugees, and service providers to raise awareness of the current services offered to refugees. For our current residents, the event would raise awareness of the obstacles refugees face when they enter our community. We will also provide information about our project to local media outlets. 3

8. REPORT

The sponsoring club is required to complete and submit progress (interim) and final reports to the district grants subcommittee. Please indicate below the individual who will take primary responsibility for submitting these reports.

Name Haley Wamstad

Signature Haley Wamstad

Name of Rotary Club Grand Forks Noon Rotary Club

9. ACTIVE ROTARIAN PARTICIPATION AND AUTHORIZATION

Sponsorship Authorization

All Rotary Clubs and Districts involved in this project are responsible to the District 5580 Foundation Grants Subcommittee and ultimately to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International for the conduct of the project and for reporting on it. The signature at the bottom of this page confirms that the sponsors understand and accept responsibility for the project. Sponsors may either sign this page or submit a separate letter of commitment.

Please list below the activities your club will undertake demonstrating the active involvement of Rotarians in this project.

By signing below, we agree to the following:

- ☒ All information contained in this application is true and accurate, to the best of our knowledge.
- ☒ This application meets all District Simplified Grant criteria as stated in District Simplified Grants (DSG) CRITERIA & GUIDELINES.
- ☒ The club has agreed to undertake this project as an activity of the club.
- ☒ We understand and will comply with the required Rotarian activities and reporting requirements as stated in the District Simplified Grants (DSG) CRITERIA & GUIDELINES.
- ☒ We agree that, should the project take more than six months to complete, interim reports will be submitted every six months from the time the grant is paid, and final reports will be provided no later than two months after the completion of the project.
- ☒ Projects using DSG funds must be completed within two (2) years from the time of grant approval. Interim Reports are due every six (6) months during the activity of the project and within two (2) months of completion of the project. If the project cannot be completed as expected within the two-year time frame, all DSG funds MUST be returned to the District 5580 Treasurer to replenish the DSG Grant Fund.

Club President (printed name) Haley Wamstad

Signature Haley Wamstad

Rotary Club name Grand Forks Noon Rotary Club

Date 10/31/11

10. AUTHORIZATION OF ROTARY CLUB'S FUNDS

Complete below authorization for club funds to be used for this project. Presidents of all clubs contributing must sign this authorization. (Duplicates of this sheet may be made).

Club President (printed name) Haley Wamstad Signature *Haley Wamstad*
Rotary Club name Grand Forks Noon Rotary Club Date 10/31/2011
Amount authorized \$2,625.00

11. COMPLETION CHECKLIST

Before submitting your District Simplified Grant (DSG) application, please take a minute to review this checklist and make sure that it is complete. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the district grants subcommittee chair.

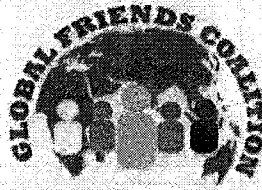
- ☒ Does the project meet all DSG criteria?
- ☒ Has the sponsoring club appointed two contacts to oversee the project?
- ☒ Are these individuals correctly listed on the application?
- ☒ Is there a written funding confirmation from the club president(s) who will be in office during the year of the funding request?
- ☒ Have the responsibilities of the project sponsor been outlined? Do they meet the requirements of a DSG project?
- ☒ Is there a written commitment (or signature on Section 9 of the application) from the project sponsor?
- ☒ Is there a detailed budget provided for the project?
- ☒ Is there a cost estimate from the supplier(s) for each item?
- ☒ Is a cooperating organization involved? If so, is there a letter from the organization, which specifically states how the organization will work together and how Rotarians will be involved and interact?
- ☒ Have you outlined in detail how you plan to publicize the project?
- ☒ Have you made copies of all documents for your files prior to submitting them to the district grants subcommittee?

NOTE: *The district grants subcommittee will plan to review your application as soon as possible.*

Send the completed application and all attachments via email to:

Diane Collins, District 5580 Executive Secretary

Email: bigfish@uslink.net



Global Friends Coalition
2750 Gateway Drive
Grand Forks, ND 58203

August 11, 2011

Dear Haley,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to talk with the Noon Rotary in August. The Global Friends Coalition (GFC) is a non-profit organization with the mission of bringing together individuals and organizations to foster refugee (New American) integration through work with both New Americans as well as the Greater Grand Forks community. I appreciate this chance to follow-up with a few ideas as to how the Rotary Club can get involved.

Here are several ideas that you as a Rotary could consider:

- Plan and organize an event and invite New Americans to attend.
- Organize a fundraising activity. As a non-profit organization we sustain ourselves through grants and fundraisers. If you have an idea for a fundraiser, please let us know!
- Give a donation for English teaching materials.
- Consider working with us to purchase Rosetta Stone. The Rosetta Stone Enterprise CD-ROM may be a product we would want to consider. It allows for unlimited users. My understanding is that for \$5,250.00 we could purchase Levels 1-5 for three computers. USB headsets are required. More negotiation would need to be done to make sure the licensing agreement met our goals. I spoke with Wendy Wendt at the Grand Forks Public Library and there is a chance that we could have it made available there. Or, we could also have it installed and available at various offices—the NAS office, the GFC office, and Job Service. What to purchase and where to house it would need to be worked out amongst the people/organizations involved in its purchase.

Thank you for considering ways to help New Americans in the Grand Forks community. New Americans must learn English to be able to work and provide for their families. Everything we can do to help teach English is beneficial to the financial success of New Americans.

Sincerely,

Cynthia H. Shabb
Program Director
Global Friends Coalition