

Rotary



SIGNIFICANT SERVICE AWARD

Significant Service Award is hereby presented to the Rotary Club of

Bellevue Papillion

in recognition of outstanding and significant community service efforts

District Governor

2019-20 Rotary Year

Describe the problem or need

In the Spring of 2019 more than 350 homes were lost in Bellevue as a result of a major flood. More than 1000 people lost their homes and all their worldly possessions. The Bellevue Papillion Rotary Club was aware that families would find it difficult to provide for their children returning to school. They lost their homes, clothing, shoes and all of their school supplies.

How did the project enhance the club's image?

The community awareness of the Bellevue Papillion Rotary Club was raised among a group of people not necessarily connected to the Rotary mission. As a result of the club's outreach project, the club received positive news coverage from local media (tv and newspapers). All three local news channels ran a public interest story and interview on their evening news programs. In addition, the local newspapers also covered our event.

Describe the project

The Club had a goal of providing assistance to families/children who lost everything. The club used funds from a district grant (\$1500) as well as the Club's Foundation resources (\$4500) to finance the project. Each flood-affected family received a \$125 per child shopping trip for school supplies, clothing, and shoes. We provided necessary items for 47 children for the fall school term. Seventy-five percent of the Club's members were involved with this project, acting as personal shopping assistants, cart checkers, payment handlers, and goodwill ambassadors. The chance to truly make a difference in the lives of so many families was very gratifying for all the members.