

DMG Grant # 2564344- 16

PROJECT SUMMARY

Explanation: Reports are due from clubs to the District Steward within 2 months of project completion, but no later than September 30 following the year of the grant award. District Managed Grants support the humanitarian service projects of District 7980 Rotary clubs.¹ Final Reports are not required for District youth scholarships.

Project Title: District 7980 Disaster Relief Task Force Committee Food Packaging Event

Please provide the name of the project site, the city or village, state or province, and country. List multiple locations, if applicable. **State of Connecticut served by Rotary District 7980**

District 7980 Club Name: Woodbury Southbury-Middlebury (Tribury) Rotary

We have attached **copies** of receipts and other relevant documentation for all expenditures for this project.

IMPACT

Explanation: Provide detailed information regarding the project and its beneficiaries.

What Area of Focus was served? Maternal and Child Health

What humanitarian need was addressed?

Food Insecurity

How many Non-Rotarians benefited from this project? Meal servings and perishable greens to feed up to an estimated 750 families.

If there is a significant difference from the number claimed in the DMG Application please explain:

No

Describe how these Non-Rotarians were helped:

The non-Rotarians that were helped by this grant were comprised of families that rely on local food banks, churches and other community non-profits to provide nutrition for themselves and their children. Many of the families are also supported by the municipal agents and social services organizations in the local communities,

How has the project provided community members with specific skills or knowledge that will allow them to help themselves?

The leadership of the food banks, social services organizations and the Calvary Southbury church were helped by seeing the positive action and support taken by Rotarians to help meet the food insecurity needs in their respective communities.

If a cooperating organization was involved, name the organization and describe their role:

How many Rotarians participated in the project? 19 Rotary Clubs funded the matching grant and 40 Rotarians participated in the unpacking of 156 boxes of pre-packaged Outreach Program meals on August 8th at the Seymour - Oxford Food Bank and the meal packing event on August 9th at the Calvary Southbury Church that resulted in 100 boxes of meals for a total of 256 boxes over the two day period. The 256 boxes provide over 51,000 meal servings.

If there is a significant difference from the number claimed in the DMG Application please explain:

No

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Describe how these Rotarians participated. Note that financial support is not considered active involvement:

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS INCLUDED IN A PRESS RELEASE TO VOICES, A LOCAL MEDIA PUBLICATION.

Rotary Delivers Over 34,000 Meals to Local Food Bank and a Meal Packing Event at Calvary Southbury Church Adds 21,000 Meals for Distribution to Local Food Banks

SOUTHBURY, CT — In recognition of the anniversary of the devastating flash floods that struck southwestern Connecticut on August 18, 2024, Rotary District 7980 Governor Stephanie Phillips requested that the Tribury Rotary Club author a District Managed Grant. The grant was supported by nineteen Rotary clubs in the four southern counties in the State of Connecticut. The grant was approved for over \$25,000 and was used to arrange for over 55,000 meals to be distributed to local food banks.

The 55,000 meals were comprised of 10 varieties of meals from the Outreach Program based in Iowa. The 10 varieties include Deluxe Macaroni and Cheese Dinner, Rice and Bean, Spanish Rice, Cheesy Rice, Pasta with Tomato Basil Sauce, Minestrone Soup, Apple Cinnamon Oatmeal, Raisin Cinnamon Oatmeal, Apple Cinnamon Rice, Rice Pudding Dessert

On August 8th , 156 boxes of these pre-packaged meals were delivered to the Seymour – Oxford Food Bank along with 86 boxes of leafy greens. Special “thank you” to the Executive Director, Kristina Walton and her staff for helping to coordinate the unloading and distribution of these meals to families in need.

On August 9th 100 boxes of meals were assembled in a 4 hour meal packing event hosted by the Calvary Southbury Church located on Kettletown Road. The event was led by Matthew Martin; the New England Regional Manager of the Outreach Program headquartered in Massachusetts. Special thanks to Calvary Southbury Outreach Pastor, Mark Grasso who helped organize and host the event for the volunteers comprised of Rotarians, church members and other supportive parties.

The August 2024 floods left countless families without homes, businesses, and basic necessities, creating an unprecedented food security crisis in the region. In response, Rotary District 7980 Disaster Response Task Force prepared a \$25,000 grant that was approved by Rotary International. Rotary has raised over \$50,000 in the last 12 months and provided over 100,000 meals for the local food banks.

The following 15 food banks received these meals.

Spooner House - Shelton

Brazilian Church - Seymour

Emanuel Church/Love & Serve Pantry - Milford

Food Bank – Southbury

Food Bank – Norwalk

K Samela Food Pantry – Ansonia

Food Bank – Seymour - Oxford

Food Pantry - Calvary Southbury Church

Community Place - New London

Blessing Pantry Trinity - Ansonia

Food Bank – Woodbury

Food Bank – Middlebury

Sterling House Food Pantry - Stratford

Food Pantry - Monroe

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Beth-el Center - Milford

"These efforts to combat food insecurity in our local communities has become more urgent since the Covid pandemic," said John Monteleone, President of the Woodbury – Southbury – Middlebury (Tribury) Rotary Club. " Working with The Outreach Program has allowed us to provide affordable, nutritious and easily prepared meals that can feed entire families. Each meal package costs \$2.50 and contains 6 meal servings. This calculates to only 42 cents for a meal serving."

Monteleone added, "The need to support our food insecurity actions continue. Those wishing more information about our efforts or wish to join Rotary in these ongoing food insecurity relief efforts can email triburyrotary4@gmail.com."

Ron Webb, former District 7980 Governor and member of the Tribury Rotary Club emphasized the impact of Rotarians as People of Action: "This initiative exemplifies how Rotarians are problem-solvers, mobilizing quickly and effectively to solve critical community needs. We are demonstrating how Rotary, collaborating with community leaders can change and help to save lives in our local communities. As it relates to food insecurity, our partnership with the Outreach Program shows that when communities face challenges, Rotarians take action."

About the Tribury Rotary Club - The club has served the communities of Woodbury – Southbury – Middlebury since formation in 1972. The Tribury Rotary Foundation, Inc. has been a registered 501 (c) (3) since 1999. Our club is part of the Rotary Southern Connecticut, District 7980 that spans from Greenwich to Stonington and north to Waterbury, Rotary District 7980 encompasses 54 Rotary clubs and 6 Rotaract clubs with upwards of 2,000 members. As part of Rotary International's global network of over 1.2 million members with over 46,000 clubs worldwide, these "People of Action" focus on promoting peace, fighting disease, ending hunger, supporting education, and growing local economies. Through hands-on service projects and the motto "Service Above Self," we focus on creating lasting change in communities at home and abroad.

About the Outreach Program – It was formed in 2004 and has provided over 750 million meals to people in need worldwide. This non-profit organization partners with community groups to package scientifically formulated, nutrient-rich meals, while also supporting water, medical care, and education initiatives for those in need. The meals provide easily digestible protein, carbohydrates, and vital nutrients for malnourished individuals.

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Explanation: Provide the details of project spending versus the approved budget. Attach copies of all receipts to this Final Report. Club funds are to be spent first, any unspent District funds are to be returned with the Final Report.

If a scope change was approved by the DMG Review Committee Chair (Nancy Gentes) for this project:

- Check here:
- Attach a copy of the scope change approval email to this report **AND**
- In the Budget column below, show the approved, changed budget figures.

NOTE: The Expense rows below **MUST** align with the Budget rows in your approved DMG.

Items Purchased/Project Expense	Budget in US \$	Actual Cost in US \$
See Exhibits A, B, B-1, C, D and E for budget, financial and distribution details and substantiation.		
Totals	(A)	(B)
Unused funds returned to District 7980, if (A) is greater than (B)		
Additional funds provided by Club, if (B) is greater than (A)		

CERTIFICATION

Explanation: Add any additional comments and sign and date the report

Other information:

ORIGINAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION SUBMISSION - Assumed the entire grant would purchase Outreach Food packages,

This is a multi - communities service project to pack and provide up to 10,764 meal packages containing 64,584 of meal servings to feed approximately 750 families in the communities affected by the devastating flood of August 2024. Calculation: >If the total monies available totals \$25, 800 it will enable us to purchase 299 boxes of meal packages. >(Meals may be pre-packaged or assembled at the meal-packing event) >299 boxes contain 36 meal packages. Each meal package contains 6 meal servings. >299 x 36 = 10,764 meal packages / 10,764 x 6 = 64,584 meal servings

REVISIONS - Actual grant used to purchase Outreach Food packages was \$22,800 with \$3,000 to support the grant outcomes as submitted.

The approved grant included \$1,000 for 3 peace poles, \$1,500 for perishable foods and \$500 to purchase food for the meal packing crew particpates (Rotarians / church members / community members) Therefore, the \$25,800 was allocated as follows: \$3,000 for items described above and \$22,800 for the purchase on the 256 boxes of Outreach Meals. We purchased 256 boxes of meal packages. 156 boxes were pre-packaged and unloaded at the Seymour - Oxford Food Bank for distribution and 100 boxes of meals assembled at the Calvary Southbury meal packing event. 256 box meal packageses contain 36 meal packages. > 256 x 36 = 9,216 meal packages x 6 meal servings per package = 55,296 meal servings.

Project Completed:

Date ALL expenditures paid and ALL work completed: 09/05/2025

Date Final Report Submitted: 09/05/2025

Club President name: Mary Rose Griffin - President - Tribury Rotary 2024 - 2025

Club President approves this application by sending an email to GrantsChair7980@gmail.com , containing the wording: "I have read the Final Report for DMG 2564344-(project number). I approve this report on behalf of our Club and affirm that this project was executed in conformance to all District 7980 and Rotary Foundation terms and conditions."

Primary Contact name: John A. Monteleone - President - Tribury Rotary Club 2025 - 2026

In submitting this application form, the Primary Contact affirms that District Managed Grant funds (total expenditures, not just matching funds) were spent in conformance to all District 7980 and Rotary Foundation terms and conditions and that all information contained herein is true and accurate. Original receipts for all expenses will be retained for at least five (5) years in case of audit.

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**Complete report with copies of receipts should be sent electronically to:
John Merkel, District 7980 Foundation Grants Subcommittee Chair**

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