

Dictionary4Life

A Guide to Document a Rotary Community Service Project: One to Share

1. Name of event or service: ___Dictionary4Life_____

2. Describe the event or service in 2-3 sentences:

The purpose of this project is to provide a gift of a Dictionary 4 Life (D4L) to Grade 3 youth in 12-14 Ottawa schools and youth in two homework clubs. Seven Ottawa area Rotary clubs (West-Ottawa, Nepean-Kanata, Bytown, Orleans, Ottawa South, Ottawa, Stittsville) have been and will continue to be involved in the project. It was the first year for Stittsville, the 2nd year for Orleans, Ottawa South and Ottawa and the 3rd year for Nepean Kanata, Bytown (Board approval pending) and RCWO. The two homework clubs involved are Michelle Heights in which RC Nepean-Kanata assists and Winthrop Court homework club in which RCWO assists. The Rotary Club of West Ottawa is the lead sponsor club for this project.

3. How many Rotarians are needed to organize: By club, it can be done by 1 person under the direction of Linda Flynn. West Ottawa, as the lead club, decided to establish a club committee manage/oversee the entire project as it expanded from a pilot project to a city wide project – currently 13 members guide the project with some now taking on delegated tasks specific to the RC West Ottawa schools.

to implement: Again, depends on the size of the project within the club. If a club has 1 school then likely 2-4 people can implement it. If you have 7 schools many more are required to do the presentations.

4. When is a good time (season or month) for this event or service? Fall – presentation of the books is done in October giving the students a month to be back in school and things to settle down within the school but a full school year still ahead of them.

5. How much money is needed for expenses, if any? The book cost is stated Colin Bryant, founder of program and posted on official website for Dictionary4Life – currently it is £3.50 per book (\$6.22 CDN/book). Additional expenses include shipping and handling from Montreal, QC,

inside label, bookmark, and miscellaneous expenses. Ottawa area Clubs are currently asked to budget ~\$8 CDN per book. Additional reductions in the cost per book occurs when grant applications are successful (e.g. a DSG) and/or donations received.

6. Name of club Rotarian for contact, advice, or communication about this event or service: Linda M. Flynn; phone: 613-723-1772;
Email: lindaflynn@bell.net; club name: West Ottawa
7. To whom did this event or service benefit? Directly - Annually, Grade 3 students and homework club participants. Indirectly – Rotary clubs have increased visibility in the community and enhanced contact with the community.
8. What would be typical anticipated profits/proceeds? This is a local literacy Community Service project not a profit making project.
9. Did this event or service utilize a simplified grant or matching grant?
x_yes ___no If applicable, _x__simplified ___matching?
If applicable, how much money was utilized from the grant? _\$2500 (for 2013-14 year)