

Organization of the Year Nominee: Dublin Rotary Club

Nominator: Megan Rouse



For fifty years, the Rotary Club of Dublin has dedicated itself to making a positive difference in the community we live and work in. This year, we adapted to the challenges of COVID, by seeking hands-on project opportunities that aligned with county health orders and focused our resources on priority causes.

In 2020, our community projects and initiatives included the following:

- Awarded \$16,000 in total scholarships to eight graduating seniors from VHS and DHS honoring former Rotarians David Burton and Ted Hoffman.

- Awarded \$150 to every graduating senior going into Military Service.
- Sponsored Interact Club at Dublin High School to encourage and mentor students to provide community service. Funded a Letter Project.
- Chartered and sponsored two new Interact Clubs at Fallon Middle School and Quarry Lane School
- One City One Book: \$2500 donation; Rotarians participated by reading chapters.
- Sponsored a Speech Contest. Provided cash awards totaling \$300.
- Build-a-Bike. Funded 50 bikes, helmets, and locks, to be assembled and donated to Dublin families in partnership with DUSD. Originally scheduled for December 2020 delivery, delayed until County reaches Red Tier.
- Student Recognitions: DHS/VHS Student of the Month/Quarter; Fallon Middle School Intervention Students, Cottonwood Creek students
- Honored our Veterans and Servicemembers. Care Packages with BlueStar Moms: \$2,000 donation and involved local community by collecting items. Provided \$500 in Court Relief funds for local Veterans. Recognized and honored six soldiers at Camp Parks.
- Club Funded and 20+ Rotarians packaged 6,000+ meals through Kids Against Hunger
- Weekly book donation to Dublin High and Valley High School libraries
- \$3,500 Gift Cards for Thanksgiving (\$1,000) and December holiday (\$2,500) food to DUSD families
- Donated \$1,500 for "Our Dublin" DHS Diversity Ambassador project
- \$3,000 donation to Tri-Valley Haven Food Project, including Rotarian participation in assembling.
- Assembled and distributed PPE to dozens of assisted living facilities, working with the Ombudsman of Alameda County
- Community Superstars. Recognized Dublin Police and Fire Department honorees with a plaque, an honorarium, and two \$400 donations to non-profits.
- Educator of the Year. Recognized an Educator from each school in DUSD. Created a two-day drive-by parade to deliver certificates, lawn signs, and honorarium.
- Coordinated Kinsa and Dublin USD to provide 500 thermometers to school families. Rotarians distributed an additional 250 thermometers to Dublin residents.
- Donated \$4,600 toward an Area 4 Grant with eight Rotary clubs of nearly \$100,000 to provide COVID-19 medical equipment for local community health centers.
- Partnered with Wells Band and DPIE to sell fireworks and fundraise for all three organizations.
- Produced 3,000 Face Shields (with Fallon students) for hospitals, clinics, and assisted living facilities.
- School Supplies: with students, collected \$500+ of school supplies, along with toothbrush kits, and donated them to CityServe
- Additional projects: weekly Meals on Wheels delivery, Wardrobe for Opportunity, Shoe Drive, Free Lunch Pizza program to health care workers and first responders.

These events represent 1,000+ Rotarian service hours during the year 2020. We are honored to be a part of the Dublin community.