



25 GREAT IDEAS FOR A DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANT

The purpose of a District Simplified Grant is to engage Rotarians in hands-on activities that benefit the community. Projects can be matched up to \$1500 with funds from The Rotary Foundation.

- Host a Rotary Appreciation Luncheon for Fireman and Police Officers that serve your community.
- Partner with a Scout Troop for a community landscaping project.
- Provide dictionaries for 3rd grade children. Check out www.dictionaryproject.org
- Fill backpacks with food at your weekly meeting and deliver to needy children. www.foodshuttle.org
- Help build a playground in your community.
- Purchase and assemble furniture to renovate the Visitation Room at a prison.
- Visit your elementary school library to learn what books they need. Build literacy by volunteering to read in the classroom.
- Provide computers and training to your local Recreation Center that offers an after-school program.
- Help kids earn a free bicycle as they learn how to build and repair a donated bike. www.1304bikes.org Assist their leaders with finding a new facility and buy tools.
- Join with another Rotary Club to renovate some rooms at The Salvation Army.
- Contact The Governor Morehead School for the Blind and offer to provide braille books and audio tapes.
- Join with several club members and volunteer as tutors at The Literacy Council of Wake County and purchase books to enhance their lending library.
- Help your local businesses promote Business Ethics by hosting an Ethics Program. Contact our District's Luther Hodges Ethics Chair for assistance.

- Sponsor a class of future chefs as they learn skills that will help them get a dependable job. Provide food for training purposes and help with transportation and training for these low income students. Visit The Culinary Job Training Program. www.foodshuttle.org
- Books for Babies – Present new mothers with a gift of a new book to encourage life long reading. Include a Rotary sticker with The 4-Way Test to promote Rotary.
- Contact The Methodist Home for Children to learn how you might be able to help a local orphanage or group home in your town.
- Establish a “Teacher Store” to offer free school supplies for teachers at the beginning of the semester.
- Work with your local Parks Department. to refurbish a playground, paint a gazebo or plant bushes.
- Coordinate a clothing drive for migrant farm workers. Take them to Wal-Mart and pay for some basic toiletries. Provide free phone calls and offer transportation to medical clinics.
- Contact the Veterans Medical Center in Durham to learn how your club can serve those who first served us.
- Build a Disc Golf Course in your community with the help of your Parks Dept. Contact the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Club for details.
- Paint a room at The Raleigh Rescue Mission. Buy some new tables and chairs.
- Do a “Total Makeover” of a Senior Citizen’s yard. Select 4 homes in your community and plant bushes, cut the grass, add mulch and paint the mailbox.
- Help with a local Health Clinic’s “Immunization Day” that serve the poor. Pay for flu shots & give-aways and serve refreshments.
- Host a Rotary Fun Day for families of children with special needs. Contact Family Support Network of Wake County for assistance.

For more information, visit www.rotary7710.org and download “DSG Guidelines” and “Application for DSG” . The above list are suggested activities only and other ideas are encouraged. All applications must be approved by the District Grants Committee.