

Friday 25th October 2019

Craig Radford
Rotary Dunedin

NZ Red Cross and Rotary Dunedin Youth Fund

Dear Craig

I am pleased to write this letter to inform Rotary Dunedin of the progress Red Cross has made in distribution of funding generously provided by Rotary to support former refugee young people to integrate into the Dunedin community.

Red Cross received a further \$3000 from Rotary and has now has distributed all but \$661.10. The remainder of this grant will be distributed further to cover any end of year activities, potentially summer holiday activities (involving camp, day trips, sports days) or/and start of term one costs for the newly arrived intake of 6 families.

21 allocations were made to 20 young people. Recipients attend 7 different schools.

Allocations were as follows:

7 Swimming lessons	Tahuna Intermediate, Arthur Street School
5 School Camp fees	Queens High School, Arthur Street School, Green Island School, Tahuna, Kaikorai College
9 School based activity programme	Tahuna Intermediate
4 Sports fees (Futsal, Badminton, Touch, Volleyball)	Musselburgh, Tahuna, Queens High, Kaikorai Valley College
18 School trips (end of the year trip, Marae trip, Geography, Science Trips)	Pine Hill School, Queens High, Tahuna Intermediate
3 School events	Pine Hill School, Tahuna
Intermediate	

The largest allocation was \$390.00 which was made to pay for a Geography Trip (Camp) for Queens High School. The smallest allocation was several \$6 amounts to pay for Cycle skills programme at Tahuna Intermediate.

This is beneficial for young people as the majority acquire bikes through a local charitable organization called Crooked Spokes and bike to and from school and is a great way for

young people to connect with friends and their neighbourhoods and to stay active and enjoy the outdoors.

School camps

-Attending camp is an enjoyable experience for young people. The funding give them the opportunity to attend the camps with other children from their class or age group. They enjoy participating in the outdoor activities that may be new experiences for them. In particular, this creates independence and an opportunity to form new friendships.

Swimming Lessons/Cycle programmes/School trips

-Young people are enjoying participating in these activities with their peers at school. Many children have not had the opportunity to learn to swim or bike prior to coming to NZ. Funding these activities allows participation and inclusion for the young people amongst their peers & assists with their learning.

Sports

-Being involved in sports and extra circular activities makes the young people feel like they are participating, not only at school but in the wider community. They can increase their social skills, language, make friendships and other connections and gain enjoyment from being part of a team, and keeping active.

The Rotary funds have supported the work case workers and the Social worker have been doing with families. It has enabled young people to overcome some of the barriers to participate in these activities, make friends and to be part of the community.

Thank you to Rotary Dunedin for its support of making resettlement for young people and their families a positive experience. The funding has supported an increase in participation of school and community activities which has improved the general wellbeing of the young people we work with. We are very pleased and appreciative to continue to have the opportunity to partner with Rotary in this project.

Kind Regards



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