Williamston Sunrise Rotary
Community Service Grant Application

Name of Organization	
R.J. Scheffel Memorial Toy Project, Inc.	

Address

5937 S. Martin Luther King Blvd. (mail to PO Box 23181, Lansing, MI 48909)

Contact Name	Telephone
Larry Koster or Gene Klco	(517) 882-4988 (Toy Shop)

E-mail Address

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Grant Amount Requested

$500

Please provide a brief description of your organization's purpose.

Our stated mission is: "The purpose of the R.J. Scheffel Memorial Toy Project is to enhance the lives of children from low-income families by providing wooden toys and games for annual distribution during the holidays by the Lansing office of The Salvation Army and other similar social service agencies. The Project solicits public support for funds and materials to be utilized in the construction of the toys and games."

Describe the specific project or program that the grant will be used for. Be specific to the overall impact this activity will have on the community or the people involved.

Besides Salvation Army, who get about a third of the toys, many go to area hospitals in the kids wards, St. Vincent, Ele's Place (a place for kids with loss in their families) gets nearly 600 'memory boxes'. In all we donated over 9500 toys last year and expect to build 10,000 this year. We depend on grants and donations to pay for rent, utilities and supplies. Some wood is donated, but we have to buy some as well. So 100% of your donation will go to supplies, utilities and rent on the building.

While there is no direct impact on Williamston, some of the recipients may come from Williamston. And most of the Williamston residents work in the Greater Lansing area. Rotary should have outreach beyond your own community as well.

Please provide any other information you feel is appropriate

All of our workers are volunteers - NO one is paid. There are no administrative costs. All toys are given to the various organizations. There is no charge to them.

Please remit application to:

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