

Community Service: EARTH, I CARE CLUB

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Mr. Al Ligrani, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Ligrani:

I believe the misunderstanding about the request for funds stems from a letter to Mr. Robert Scott from Mr. Eugene Horton, which may not have reached the mails. I am redirecting this information to you.

There has been a widespread interest in the formation of Earth, I Care Clubs by students. If these clubs are to do meaningful work in the community, there needs to be local community support - financial and moral. The Space Center Rotary has been the spearhead for the Drug Abuse program, which in turn led to the creation of the Earth Awareness Foundation.

This young organization has spearheaded positive action for youth through the dedicated efforts of its founding members, who have given unselfishly of their time and talents.

The Earth Awareness Foundation has been co-sponsor with the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority of the Summer Scientist Program. Twelve Clear Creek High School students participated for 10 weeks, attempting to determine what foreign agents were being introduced into the waters of Clear Lake and the effect this might have upon the lake's ecology and future use for recreational purposes.

Six of this group have been awarded their fellowships; the remaining six have not. The accounting for the 1971 Summer Scientist Program is attached and indicates a deficit of \$3,877.13. The original budget for the program was projected at \$12,000; however due to a lack of funds, the scope of the project was curtailed.

The Earth Awareness Foundation has received a grant from the Moody Foundation to carry on a specific project - the development of an environmental handbook guide to be used by teachers, adult advisers and others interested in working on Environmental Education projects with students, particularly

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in the Earth, I Care Clubs.

The Earth Awareness Foundation has not been funded in a substantial manner from outside sources, but has been largely dependent upon monies generated by the sale of posters and ecological items designed by Johnny Hart, a founding director, and made available either without charge, or at a nominal cost to Earth, I Care Clubs for sale.

The Clear Creek High School Earth, I Care Club needs local support for its community projects, as do all Earth, I Care Clubs in all high schools. Unfortunately Earth Awareness Foundation has no means of revenue for underwriting individual club activities. The needs of this club include film, photographic supplies, laboratory equipment, transportation, equipment rental and other legitimate expenses incurred in any of their planned, off-campus activities.

The original request of \$1,500 was to provide the following:

- (1) To defray part of the expenses of the 1971 Summer Scientist Program;
- (2) To provide one fellowship for the 1972 Summer Scientist Program, which will extend and enlarge upon surveys and studies of the 1971 program;
- (3) To set aside \$25 for lunches for students of Clear Creek High School's Earth, I Care Club in order that they might periodically be your guest at Monday meetings and report on their progress and problems during the school year. This, of course, would be coordinated with concerned Rotarians.

If the above information is not sufficient for your Board of Directors to reconsider our request, please call me. I want to cooperate in every way possible.

Sincerely,

Doris U. Grundy
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Project Director

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cc: Mr. Eugene Horton
Mr. Robert Scott
Mr. Jerome Lederer