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Rotary Club of Fort Worth - Southwest

The Immunization Collaboration of Tarrant County (ICTC) is a collaboration of agencies and organizations, public and private, committed to providing the systematic eradication of childhood, vaccine-preventable diseases in Tarrant County. ICTC projects directly improve the health and well-being of children through low-cost vaccine events and community education on the importance of childhood immunizations since 1991. ICTC is a registered 501c 3, non-profit organization, with no employees.

Immunization Collaboration is grateful for \$2,400 funding from Rotary Club of Fort Worth-Southwest used to print 90,000 August event flyers in 2012. At this time, ICTC is requesting a donation for upcoming 2014 projects. ICTC operates with rolling grant and sponsor applications to meet the budget needs for projects each year. This funding allows ICTC to offer low-cost immunization events each August and year-round bilingual community education about on-time vaccines for infants, children, teens, and adults. All sponsors are acknowledged on printed materials and the ICTC website. Your Rotary is included on current sponsor listings.

ICTC works with more than 40 organizations including Tarrant County Public Health, Cook Children's Community Health Outreach, Tarrant County Medical Society Alliance, Cook Children's Health Plan, JPS Health Network, additional Medicaid plans, Independent School Districts, Sister Church Network, and more. Community volunteers provide clerical duties at vaccine events and distribute education materials. **Each year 5,000–7,000 children and teens are served at ICTC low-cost vaccine events and more than 20,000 families receive immunization information provided by ICTC** and Texas Medical Association's *Be Wise—ImmunizeSM* projects.

The ICTC low-cost vaccine events are scheduled over 22-24 days each August at various locations across Tarrant County. Vaccines for eligible children are \$15 per child or CHIP & Medicaid are accepted. Families with children 2 years and under receive free diapers with vaccines. **ICTC 2013 summer events provided 13,370 doses of vaccine to 4,713 children and adults.** Special donations provided free vaccines for 539 of those children. During the spring semester, Tarrant County Public Health Immunization Outreach, public school nurses, and ICTC collaborate to provide school on-site vaccine days for 6th graders in preparation for the 7th grade vaccine requirements. **Nearly 3,000 students received 6,469 doses of vaccine at these events in spring 2013.** More than 91,000 children have received immunizations through ICTC events since 1991.

The 2013-2016 ICTC Strategic Plan is in place following Healthy People 2010 guidelines and Results-Based Accountability procedures. The new parent satisfaction survey was implemented during August 2013 events. Proposed new vaccine education projects include childcare and health provider education to maximize vaccine opportunities and provide medical based vaccine information for all families.

A donation from Rotary Club of Fort Worth-Southwest would ensure the continuation of ICTC services for calendar 2014 and beyond. Please see additional information on the enclosed documents and budget information.

Thank you for your past support and consideration,

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