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ALLENTOWN ROTARY CLUB DISTRIBUTES 1,300+ DICTIONARIES TO 13 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FOR ANNUAL DICTIONARY PROJECT

Allentown, PA, The Community Service Committee of the Allentown Rotary Club has distributed over 1,300 Dictionaries to 50 Classrooms in 13 Elementary Schools throughout the Allentown School District as part of its annual participation in The Dictionary Project on December 17, 2015. The Allentown Rotary has been providing dictionaries for Allentown School District's third graders for over 10 years.

"The Rotary Club of Allentown has always had a close partnership with the Allentown School District through the Dictionary Project, Interact Club and our Roger and Louise Mullin Scholarships," says Jonathan Epstein, Allentown Rotary Chairperson for the Dictionary Project. "The Dictionary Project consistently been a favorite service project for our club – we look forward to distributing dictionaries all year long, almost as much as the students look forward to getting them!"

"The work of the Allentown Rotary Club in the annual Dictionary Project provides our students not only a valuable resource, but also provides a valuable experience interacting and learning from the Rotarians. The Allentown School District is truly thankful for the time and dedication the Allentown Rotary Club extends to our students. This is an event we look forward to each year!" comments Jennifer Ramos, the Director of Literacy for the Allentown School District.

This project is privately and generously funded by the Allentown Rotary Club Foundation and members from the Rotary Club and has been an invaluable resource for Allentown's third graders. Volunteers from the Allentown Rotary Club distributed dictionaries to teachers and students in the following Elementary Schools in the Allentown School District: Cleveland; Hiram Dodd; Jefferson; Lehigh Parkway; Luis A. Ramos; McKinley; Mosser; Muhlenberg; Ritter; Roosevelt; Sheridan; Union Terrace and Washington.

Since its implementation in 1995, the Dictionary Project has provided over 26 million dictionaries to students nationwide, thanks to the generosity of participating sponsors. Third grade classrooms are targeted recipients of dictionaries nationwide, as educators have established that grade as the dividing line between learning to read and reading to learn.

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