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INTER CLUB COUNCIL AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED
ALLOCATION OF FUNDS PROPOSAL
FINAL APPROVAL DOCUMENT



ICC MEETING DATE: 4/4/17

EVENT DATE: 7/28/17

EVENT NAME: Annual Guatemala Humanitarian Trip

CLUB: Project Smile Pre-Dental Society

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$1,280.00

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED: \$1,280.00

VOTE

YES: 6

NO: 0

Meeting Notes

- Max amount is \$1500
- Go to Guatemala and help children who don't get dental help
- 5 volunteers went last year,
- Helped kids of many ages
- Minimum amount is \$1280 they would like for 1 volunteer
 - Motion to cut to \$1280

ASUCM PRESIDENT SIGNATURE:

Katelyn Fitzgerald

DATE: 04/06/2017

APPROVED: ✓

NOT APPROVED:

From: asucm@ucmerced.edu on behalf of [Associated Students of UC Merced](#)
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Subject: Form submission from: ICC Proposal Form
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Club Name: Project Smile Pre-Dental Society
Event Title: Annual Guatemala Humaitarian Trip
Event Date: Jul. 28, 2017
Total Amount Requested: \$1,680.00
Contact Name (First and Last): Rochelle Ramirez
Contact E-Mail: rramirez46@ucmerced.edu
Are You a New or Returning Club for the 2016-2017 Academic Year? Returning
What Type of Proposal is This? Travel
Start Time of Event: 12:00 am
End Time of Event: 12:00 am
Event Location: San Martin Clinic- Guatemala July 28-August 6
Description of Event:
Project Smile is a Pre-Dental student organization on the UC Merced campus founded on the core principles of education and civic engagement. Collectively, the club has dedicated time to volunteer in the community to raise awareness and to advocate for maintaining oral health as well as general well-being related to current health issues.
The Global Dental Relief is an international organization committed to humanitarian works in below poverty communities all around the world. Keeping this in mind, they have given us an opportunity to actively be engaged, educated, and provide volunteered services to aid in providing free health and dental care to the desperately needed communities.
In 2013, Project Smile traveled to Guatemala to help provide dental care to people in the highlands of Guatemala. Project Smile members helped provide over \$160,000.00 in care to over 800 patients in the highlands of Guatemala.
In 2014, Project Smile went on another trip to Guatemala, where they provided over \$196,000.00 in care to over 550 patients. The team worked from 8:00 AM-6:00 PM each day and met children and teenagers between the ages of 2 to 18 year old.
In 2015, Project Smile went on another trip to Guatemala, where they provided over \$250,000 worth of dental care to over 600 children.
In 2016, five students will travel again to provide free dental care to children and strive to provide over \$300,000 worth of dental care in two weeks.
Fellow bobcats, in conjunction with Project Smile and Global Dental relief, ultimately represent the ideals set forth by the University of California, Merced. Project Smile represents the diverse group of students found in the

UCM community. The students that attend the trip work in professional and mature ways to provide their time and dedication to children in need. These members work over 40 hours to provide dental care to children that would not have otherwise received dental treatment.

Some members have been accepted into top Dental schools such as UCSF, Tuft's University, UNLV, etc. Member involvement has more than quadrupled, providing us with opportunities to host different events on campus. Lastly, Project Smile has close bonds with multiple dentists in Merced and are currently working with underprivileged elementary schools to assist them on improving their oral hygiene.

Each year, Project Smile seeks to revisit the Guatemalan region to spread dental hygiene awareness, knowledge, preventative oral education, and restorative oral measures throughout the village of San Martin Jilotepeque. Additionally, Project Smile strives to set new goals each year to see more children and provide more free dental care to members of the Merced community and Guatemala. Project Smile has seen a continual increase in the amount of patients served and free dental care provided throughout the years they have volunteered with GDR. Each year, Project Smile strives to provide even more assistance and therefore help more patients by providing free treatments for these patients.

Lastly, Project Smile hosts multiple on campus events to help educate fellow bobcats on oral and health awareness. For example, Project Smile hosts an annual Global Health Awareness Fair to encourage UCM peers to get involved in community service and educational efforts. Project Smile also further educates members by attending annual health conferences at various dental schools. This allows students to gain professional insight into the field of dentistry and allows for effective preparation for dental school applications.

For four years, UCM has funded the Guatemala Humanitarian Trip to allows students to assist in relief efforts to thousands of children living in poverty. Project Smile not only find a personal gain in attending the trip, but also impacts the University in positive way. Through hosting successful on campus events, Project Smile is able to share their dental knowledge from the trip with their fellow bobcats.

Additionally, any students interested in the field of dentistry is able to participate in the dental school conferences and simulation labs to help solidify their chosen career paths.

Have You Received an ASUCM Line Item for this Event? No

Budget Breakdown:

http://asucm.ucmerced.edu/sites/asucm.ucmerced.edu/files/webform/budget_template_51.docx

Are You Bringing in a Speaker: No

Description of Speaker (Optional):

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://asucm.ucmerced.edu/node/135/submission/8951>