RE: Thank you for the recent District Rotary Grant for Culturally Appropriate Kitchen Packs

Dear Presidents and Members,

The Kara House Board and Team would like to thank all Members of the above Rotary Clubs for assisting Kara House with the recent $4,000 District Rotary Grant. Kara House has a long association with Rotary in our local area and we are particularly honored to be involved in celebrating the Centenary of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand.

The Grant will enable us to respond to the needs of our diverse client base with Culturally Appropriate Kitchen Packs. Last year we worked with 393 women and 232 children, with over a third coming from 46 different cultural and linguistic background. In the initial days of crisis, we encourage our clients to develop routines as quickly as possible and many of these routines are underpinned by existing habits and rituals specific to their cultural heritage. Our current kitchen packs do not reflect the everyday needs of our diverse client and the Culturally Appropriate Kitchen Packs will provide cooking utensils specific to their cultural background.

Clients who come to Kara House leave behind family, friends and most importantly their cultural community. We believe programs like this that are above and beyond our core services are equally important in greatly improving our client’s long-term outcomes and recovery for a safer future.

We are pleased to finally get this program off the ground, and it will make a significant difference to the lives of the women and children we work with. We look forward to sharing their feedback in the future.

Please pass on our thanks to everyone involved – we appreciate the kindness of our local Rotary Clubs and their ongoing support we have experience for many years.

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