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Proposal for Space Center Rotary "Random Act of Kindness"

It is proposed that Margarita Lara be considered for a \$1000 grant under the monthly "Random act of Kindness" program for this Rotary year.

Margarita is a middle aged single woman with two teen age children who is struggling financially. She is an intelligent, educated woman who has been crippled since childhood when she was run over by a car and has been in a wheel chair ever since. The following is some information in support of this proposal:

- Margarita has been severely disabled for most of her life but was financially stable as an adult until she and her husband went through a divorce about 10 years ago. He ex-husband has provided some support for the children over the intervening years but it has been inconsistent and the court order funding is nearing the end as the children approach 18.
- Margarita has worked for many years in different office settings. She had a steady job up to 3 years ago with a law firm in the Clear Lake area and was a valued employee. However, she became ill with a serious infection and became unable to work due to hospitalization and home recovery and she lost the opportunity to work for this firm due to the long recovery.
- In the last 3 years, several generous and good people (many from the Clear Lake Presbyterian Church Men's Bible Study group) have provided some regular financial support to augment funds that she has from government sources and child support.
- Her health has returned to the point where work is possible if she can find the right job and has transportation. In the last year, she has had several interviews but no job has been offered.
- Unfortunately, she had an accident with her hand controlled car a few months ago that caused over \$4000 in damages and she did not have collision coverage. Several alternatives have been looked at for getting her transportation and they all are beyond her means or not suitable. The group that has been supporting her can help but are short of the needed funds.
- She has a strong lead on a work position and needs a vehicle to make this happen.

A \$1000 grant from Space Center Rotary would significantly help her regain her mobility and move her back into a paid work position.

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