

Project Friendship Report

October 2022

AVVA had a very successful Project Friendship for the Leadership Conference this year. The “big” check presented to Fellow Countrymen was in the amount of \$17,000.00.

I started collecting donations on Monday, August 8 in Greenville, South Carolina. We collected donations through Thursday, August 11.

Total funds collected at the Leadership Conference amounted to \$7,350.00. Including the amounts sent to the VVA office, AVVA’s donation, VVA’s match of AVVA’s donation, and subsequent donations received after Thursday came to a grand total of \$17,950.00.

AVVA wishes to express our gratitude to individuals, Chapters – both AVVA and VVA, both VVA State Councils and AVVA State Associations for helping to make Project Friendship a success.

Getting the “big” check proved to be challenging. Greenville did not have a local FedEx, Office Depot or Staples which could produce a check the size we needed for presentation purposes. After numerous phone calls to printing establishments with no luck, I finally found a place after looking for sign companies instead of printing companies – called Signarama.

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