

The Rotary Foundation

Rotary founder Paul Harris's vision was to give entrepreneurs the means to provide service. Today Rotary has become an international humanitarian service organization through which business and professional leaders can help their local communities and others throughout the world. Our weekly club meetings and activities are one such way. The other is through the Rotary Foundation.

It has been said that you cannot fully understand Rotary until you understand the Foundation. Rotary's sixth president Arch C. Klumph, created the Foundation as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." He advised then "we should view the Foundation as being not something of today or tomorrow . . . but . . . as a movement for the centuries."

It is the service of Rotarians, both local and international, that promotes Rotary's appeal and visibility in the community, and is the reason Rotary continues to grow.

In community service clubs respond by first learning about a community's needs and assets, and then developing responses that address them. In addition to the various community service projects our club supports, our Charleston Rotary Fund supports requests for financial assistance from our Charleston community.

Our club performs international service in many ways including hosting Group Study Exchange visitors, nominating Rotary Scholars, supporting Polio eradication world wide and obtaining matching grant funding for deploying water purification stations to developing countries.

Just consider three of the Foundation's remarkable accomplishments. First, 100 per cent of the funds contributed are applied to its projects. Next, its international scholarship program – now expanded to include World Peace Scholars - is the largest of its kind in the world. And, its participation in the international polio eradication partnership has contributed to the protection of over a billion children around the world.

Funding for Rotary activities that pursue achieving world understanding and peace are secured through the Annual Programs Fund and the Permanent Fund. Annual Giving, which includes contributions from Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members and Paul Harris Fellows, supports The Rotary Foundation's humanitarian, educational and culture programs each year. The goal is for *Every Rotarian, Every Year* to contribute at least \$100 to this fund. It is the key to the Foundation's role today.

The Permanent Fund, Rotary's response to the growing number of worthy projects, supplements the Annual Program Fund. It is invested permanently to build long-term stability for the Foundation's future. It includes Rotary Benefactors and Bequest Society members who typically donate with capital assets and bequests to create a legacy. It is the key to the Foundation's role for tomorrow.

Our club supports Rotary International's goal for every member to contribute at least \$100 per year

Yours in Rotary,

Richard Dowell, Club Foundation Committee Chair

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