

Rotary
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The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, we tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into our priorities, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

Strong financial oversight, a stellar charity rating, and a unique funding model mean that we make the very most of your contribution. Give and become a part of Rotary's life-changing work!

History of the Rotary Foundation

At the 1917 convention, outgoing RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed to set up an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." In 1928, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

Growth of the Foundation

In 1929, the Foundation made its first gift of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen, later grew into Easter Seals. When Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring in to Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.

Administration

So often we hear of charities whose administration costs significantly eat into the monies so generously donated by an unsuspecting public.

The administration costs of the Rotary Foundation are at minimal cost to Rotarians since the Trustees (all volunteers) invest the monies for three years and use the income from these investments to pay for the administration costs. There is usually a net income to the Foundation from these investments.

So the monies raised in 2015/16 are not available for projects until 2018/19.

Rotary Grants

District grants

District grants fund smaller, short-term activities that address needs in your community and communities worldwide. Each Rotary district gets to choose which projects it will fund with these grants.

Global grants

Global grants support large international activities that have sustainable, measurable outcomes in one or more of our areas of focus. Rotarians create their own projects and carry them out. We accept and review applications as they arrive.

Packaged grants

Packaged grants are designed by Rotary and our strategic partners. They fund activities that are similar to those for global grants, but the work of designing the activity's general framework has already been done.

POLIOPLUS

Polio eradication is Rotary's top philanthropic priority. When Rotary launched the PolioPlus program in 1985, there were more than 350,000 polio cases in over 125 countries. Since 1988, when Rotary began working with its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative to immunize more than 2 billion children, the incidence of polio has decreased 99 percent. As of 2014, Rotary's contributions to the global polio eradication effort totalled over \$1.3 billion.

Every dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication will be matched two-to-one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation up to \$35 million a year through 2018. These funds help to provide much-needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment, and educational materials for health workers and parents. Governments, corporations and private individuals all play a crucial role in funding.

POLIOPLUS GRANTS

PolioPlus grants support global eradication efforts in polio-endemic countries and those that have imported the disease or are at high risk for it. Activities include conducting National Immunization Days and monitoring poliovirus transmission.

ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIPS

Rotary Peace Fellowships enable individuals to pursue a graduate degree in international relations, peace, conflict resolution, and related subjects, or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies at one of the six Rotary Peace Centres.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships can be funded by district grants, global grants, and, in some cases, packaged grants. District grants have no restrictions on the educational level of the scholarship (e.g., undergraduate or graduate), duration of the program, or field of study. Districts may develop their own criteria for selecting scholars, determine the monetary amount of the awards, and support students attending local universities, as there is no international requirement. Global grants, as well as some packaged grants, support international graduate-level study related to an area of focus for one to four years. Today's scholars are tomorrow's leaders within the areas of focus.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAMS

Vocational training teams can be supported by district grants, global grants, and, in some cases, packaged grants. Teams sponsored by district grants have no restrictions on participant age or the duration or focus of the exchange.

Global grants, as well as some packaged grants, address humanitarian needs by supporting teams that travel abroad to provide or receive training in one or more areas of focus. At least one team leader, preferably a Rotarian and two members are required per team. There is no maximum team size or age restriction, but all team participants should have relevant professional skills and experience.

Global grant-sponsored teams may provide or receive training in various settings, including universities, hospitals, and companies, and may stay in a range of places, such as Rotary members' homes, university dormitories and hotels. Training may last for any length of time, and more than one team may travel on a single grant. Training team costs must meet the \$30,000 global grant minimum for total project cost, including team member expenses and other grant activities.

AREAS OF FOCUS

All projects, scholars, and vocational training teams funded by global grants and packaged grants work toward specific goals in one or more of the Foundation's six areas of focus:

Peace and conflict prevention/resolution

- Providing training for leaders, and young potential leaders, in prevention and mediation of conflict
- Supporting peace-building in communities and regions affected by conflict
- Supporting studies related to peace and conflict prevention and resolution by career-minded professionals

Disease prevention and treatment

- Improving the capacity of local health care professionals Supporting disease prevention programs in order to limit the spread of communicable diseases and reduce the incidence of and complications from non-communicable diseases
- Enhancing the health infrastructure of local communities Educating people and mobilizing communities to prevent the spread of major diseases
- Preventing physical disability resulting from disease or injury
- Supporting studies related to disease prevention and treatment by career-minded professionals

Water and sanitation

- Providing equitable access to safe water, good sanitation, and hygiene
- Strengthening the ability of communities to develop, fund, and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems
- Supporting programs that enhance communities' awareness of the benefits of safe water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Supporting studies related to water and sanitation by career minded professionals

Maternal and child health

- Reducing mortality and morbidity rates for children under age five Reducing maternal mortality and morbidity rates
- Improving mothers' and children's access to essential medical services, trained community health leaders, and health care providers
- Supporting studies related to maternal and child health by career minded professionals

Basic education and literacy

- Involving communities to support programs that strengthen their capacity to provide basic education and literacy to all
- Increasing adult literacy
- Working to reduce gender disparity in education
- Supporting studies related to basic education and literacy by career-minded professionals

Economic and community development

- Building the capacity of entrepreneurs, community leaders, local organizations, and community networks to support economic development in impoverished communities
- Developing opportunities for productive work
- Reducing poverty in underserved communities
- Supporting studies related to economic and community development by career-minded professionals

Every Rotarian Every Year

In order to sustain and expand all of the activities supported by our own charity Rotarians are encouraged to contribute a least \$100.00 every year.

The easiest way to do this is to become a **Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member**

A Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member is an individual who contributes \$100 or more each year to the Annual Fund. In the UK this equates to just over £1.00 a week or £15.00 a quarter. When Gift Aid is added to this and the monies converted to US Dollars the total becomes \$100.00.

These contributions also count toward Paul Harris Fellow, Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society, Major Donor, and club recognition.

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