



The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International



Mission Statement

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to support the efforts of Rotary International in the fulfillment of the Object of Rotary, Rotary's mission, and the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national, and international humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs.



Your Foundation

Your Foundation operates because of both Rotarian involvement and Rotarian financial contributions





Programs and Funding

Rotarians support The Rotary Foundation through participation and financial contributions. The Rotary Foundation programs include:

- Humanitarian Programs
- Educational Programs
- PolioPlus

Support for these programs comes from:

- Annual Programs Fund
- The Permanent Fund



Programs: Humanitarian

The Humanitarian Grants Program provides grants to fund club and district service projects in local and international communities.





Humanitarian Grants

Matching Grants support Rotary clubs and districts as they work with international partners to address humanitarian conditions that benefit communities in need.

Individual Grants support the travel of Rotarians planning or implementing international service projects.

District Simplified Grants support the service activities or humanitarian endeavors in which districts engage in local and international communities.



How To Participate in Humanitarian Grants

- Initiate a Matching Grant project.
- Sponsor an Individual Grant recipient.
- Ask your district to support a local project with a District Simplified Grant.



Programs: Educational

Educational Programs provide funding for students, faculty, and young professionals to serve abroad.





Educational Programs

Group Study Exchange provides a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young professionals.

Ambassadorial Scholarships provide opportunities for students to study abroad and serve as ambassadors of goodwill.

Rotary Centers for International Studies provide opportunities for scholars to study international relations and peace and conflict resolution.

Rotary Grants for University Teachers provide opportunities for higher education faculty to teach at colleges and universities in developing countries.



How To Participate in Educational Programs

- Sponsor a scholarship application to compete at the district level.
- Host a visiting GSE team member in your home or business.
- Recommend alumni for membership.
- Invite a current scholar or alumnus to speak to your club.



Programs: PolioPlus

Rotary's priority program supports global efforts to eradicate polio.





PolioPlus Funding

In 1985, Rotary launched PolioPlus, one of the most ambitious humanitarian programs ever undertaken by a private-sector organization. Today, the world is on the threshold of eradicating the poliovirus.

The need for funding remains the largest obstacle to completing the eradication process. Rotary International has launched a large fundraising campaign to help fully eradicate the poliovirus.



How To Participate in PolioPlus

- Support the PolioPlus Partners Program.
- Promote awareness of Rotary's polio eradication efforts in the media.
- Contribute to the **Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign.**



Financial Support

Rotarian contributions fund The Rotary Foundation programs. Gifts can be made to two funds:

- **The Annual Programs Fund** is the primary source of support for the Educational and Humanitarian programs of The Rotary Foundation. Gifts of any size are welcome.
- **The Permanent Fund** secures the future of programs for tomorrow. The principal is never spent but a portion of the interest earnings are directed to programs each year. The Permanent Fund is built primarily through bequest gifts and outright gifts of US\$10,000 or more.



Annual Programs Fund

Because the Annual Programs Fund is spent in full each year, it must be continually replenished.

Every Rotarian is asked to become a **Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member** by making a contribution of US\$100 or more *every year* to the Annual Programs Fund.

All gifts to the Annual Programs Fund also count toward **Paul Harris Fellow** recognition.



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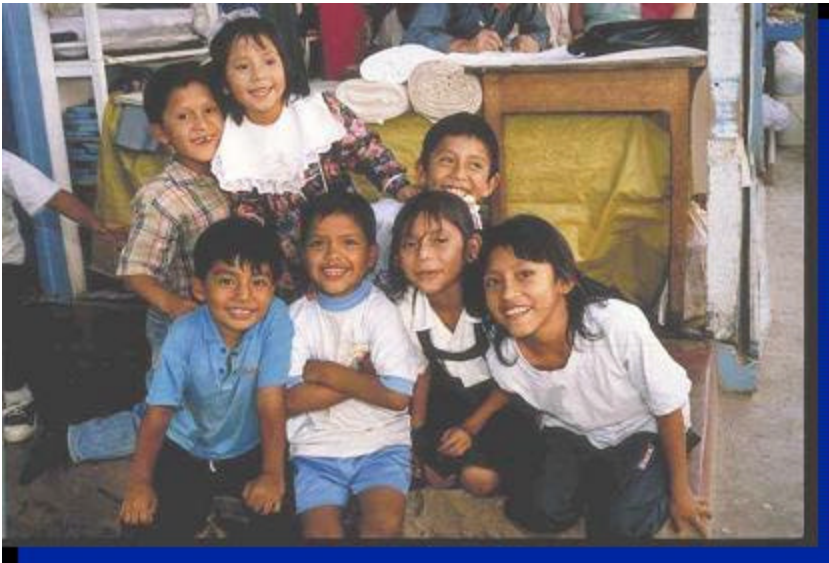
SHARE is the system which districts use to participate in Rotary Foundation Programs.

Rotary clubs are organized into units known as districts. Foundation contributions are tabulated by district.

Each district's contributions to the Annual Programs Fund are split, with 50 percent going to the district (to its District Designated Fund or DDF), which can be used for a program of the district's choice, and 50 percent going to The Rotary Foundation (known as the World Fund or WF), which funds programs for which every district may apply.



Your Foundation Makes a Difference



Rotarian financial support and active involvement result in:

- Vaccinations against polio
- Clean drinking water
- Education
- International understanding
- Foster care
- Life-saving surgery and medical care



Resources

The following resources are available on the RI Web site:

- [2002 Rotary Foundation Facts](#)
- [Rotary Foundation Quick Reference Guide](#)
- [Rotary Foundation Annual Report — 2001-02](#)
- [Rotary E-Learning Center](#)