

2015-16 Rotary District 7850 District Grants

Burlington-Sunrise – Request from TRF \$4,000. The Rotary Club of Burlington-Sunrise, VT will participate in a project to provide safe drinking water to communities in Kenya. The goal is to provide safe water to 1,000 people. The club will support the purchase of low cost, easy to manufacture solar boiler that utilize vacuum tubes and metal reflectors. The solar units can boil water even on overcast days. The cost of a single unit is \$40. The unit is projected to work effectively for 10 years. The vacuum tubes will be provided by other donors. This grant will supply the other parts, and a portion will go to factory rent, and training materials workers and then for families who will use the units. In addition funds will be used to support the employment of 4 aged out orphans for 3 months. At least two of the aged out orphans will be women. They will learn how to manufacture units and then instruct owner how to use the units. This project will explore the lease model as a path to sustainability. The lease model will require individuals to have less upfront cash and can be cash flow positive for the lease in the first month. The goal is to make sure there are funds ongoing to maintain the employment of four aged out orphans. The club will partner with the Kisumu Winan Rotary Club in Kenya on this project. Members of the club will travel to Kenya to collect receipts for the projects, and photograph the distribution and training activities. In addition the Rotarian will provide technical and business advice. The total planned expense is \$10,000 with \$6,000 coming from the Rotary Club of Burlington-Sunrise, VT and the Rotary Club of Essex, VT

Cambridge – Request from TRF \$1,000. The Rotary Club of Cambridge, VT will partner with the Cambridge Elementary School to purchase books for each classroom. The goal is to purchase books with a service theme, in line with Rotary's mission. Rotarians will go into the classrooms to read to the children. The books purchased will be done in collaborations with the teachers.

Colchester-Milton – Request from TRF \$1,750. The Rotary Club of Colchester-Milton, VT established a creative literacy project in the Winooski and Milton School Districts called "My Wet Shoes". They have done a variety of literacy based activities with the students. They focus on the application of practical life skills such as cooking. Through this activity they learn about reading, problem solving, math (measurements) and science (growing and raising food, the digestive system), etc. The goal of the club is to make the curriculum available to all clubs in District 7850. They propose to develop, "Rotary Totes". The tote would be on wheels and contain USB Flash Drive with pre-loaded lesson plans, handouts, worksheets, recipes, public relations templates, 9 cooking lessons. The goal would be to translate all materials into French for our Quebec Clubs. Funds would be used to purchase the totes, paper, lamination equipment, flash drives, paint brushes, mixing bowls, measuring clubs, measuring spoons, disposable cutlery, books and Rotary Decals.

Hanover – Request from TRF \$4,000. The Rotary Club of Hanover NH, grant is to permit a small team from the Hanover Rotary Club and the Geisel School of Medicine to complete a community needs assessment in order to prioritize project that might be part of a Global Grant in the near future. The projects will focus on some aspect of pediatric AIDS, beyond the clinic that already exists. The goal is to

determine what support is needed in the community to support the children dealing with an HIV diagnosis. The Geisel School of Medicine has an ongoing relationship with Muhimbili University in Tanzania, and have established a relationship with the 2014-15 District Governor that covers Dar es Salaam, Mr. Bhatt. The team will consist of a faculty member from the Geisel School of Medicine, Geisel Medical Students, and a member of the Rotary Club of Hanover. The goal is to have the medical students (Geisel and Muhimbili) lead the needs assessment while being mentored by both the faculty member and the Hanover Rotarian. The grant will cover travel expenses of the Geisel faculty member and the Rotarian. Funding has been obtained from another source for the medical students.

Lincoln-Woodstock – Request from TRF \$1,000. The Rotary Club of Lincoln-Woodstock, NH will use funds to build a simple, sustainable water collection system for the John Riley Community Gardens. This includes a commercial grade 54-gallon rain collection barrels, stands, gutters and associated fitting. Gutters will be removed in the winter to prolong their life. An old turn-of-the-century manure storage building sits feet from the garden and a simple gutter and rain barrel collection system will be installed on it. The Rotary Club of Lincoln-Woodstock, NH will provide all the labor to install the water collection system.

Lebanon-Riverside - Request from TRF \$500. The Rotary Club of Lebanon-Riverside will work with the Lebanon Public Libraries to establish “Little Free Libraries” in various locations in the City of Lebanon, NH. The Little Free Libraries are based on the take a book/leave a book model. These libraries were described in the Rotarian Magazine in March 2104. The Little Free Libraries was listed as a priority in the Libraries 2014 Strategic Plan. Funds will be used to purchase the materials to build the Little Free Library units. The club and Library trustee will match the \$500 being requested for this grant. The Rotary Club will work with the Library Director (also a member of the Rotary Club) to get the Little Free Libraries built and installed around the city.

Middlebury – Request from TRF \$3,775. The Rotary Club of Middlebury, VT will work with Charter House Coalition (<http://www.charterhousecoalition.org>) to expand their Farm to Table Program’s community garden. The 22% (4500 sq. ft. to 5,500 sq. ft.) expansion will increase the capacity of Charter House to better meet the needs of low income individuals. Funds will be used to purchase tools and equipment including a prefab A-frame shed, tiller, hose, hose reel, work bench, cart, wash tub, brackets, scales, garbage and recycle cans and baskets, and other equipment to support the expansion of the garden. Middlebury Rotarians will have three work days at the community garden before the onset of winter. They will help install the new shed, and do other gardening tasks. They will contribute \$3,775 (to purchase the shed) to match the \$3,775 being requested from TRF. The goal is to have this project highlighted in the local newspapers.

Montpelier – Request from TRF \$1,000. This grant is to support the work of the peace clubs in Rwanda that have been established to help promote recovery of Rwanda from genocide in 1994. The funds from this grant will be used to purchase potato seeds or “starters” which will be matured for resale at a profit. The seeds will be sold to support the peace clubs and others who are recovering from genocide and in need of help. The profit will be used to for more substantive programing on conflict transformation and trauma recovery. In addition to the cost of the seeds, the grant will cover the cost of transporting the

seeds to various regions. The Peace Center already has a store in which the seeds will be matured for resale. A member of the Rotary Club of Montpelier, VT will self-fund a trip to Rwanda to oversee the administration of the grant. The club will donate DVDs of the films with a theme of human/civil rights, peace building and conflict transformation. The goal is that this will be a self-perpetuating project.

Morrisville – Request from TRF \$1,000. The Rotary Club of Morrisville will establish a “Story Corner” literacy event and book-give-away as part of the Lamoille County Family Center annual Pumpkin Night. Rotarians will participate as storytellers. This event will serve a wide variety of families of all economic circumstances and children of all ages. Last year there were 150 children at Pumpkin Night. At the event there will be an emphasis on the importance of reading to children. Funds will be used to purchase 200 books and for decorations to create an inviting space for the Story Corner. All books will have sticker on the inside cover indicating that they were donated by the Rotary Club of Morrisville, VT.

Newport - Request from TRF \$4,000. Based on a community needs assessment about at risk behaviors in the youth, the Rotary Club of Newport, VT will be working with various agencies to educate youth about the dangers of substance abuse, and driving under the influence. Educational activities will include a mock crash, the effects of alcohol advertising using media literacy education and workshops. There will be an emphasis on using young individuals who have been tried and convicted of DUI fatality, and currently incarcerated. The goal is to do presentations during the year, around holidays and activities known to be high risk periods. The funds will be used for printing and distribution of educational material, pay for expert consultants and law enforcement individual that are doing these activities outside of their normal work week. The experts will help to design and implement the curriculum. Rotarians will attend all activities and help as needed to make the educational session successful. It is hoped that they can get some students interested in joining their Interact Club as a positive alternative to participating in risky behaviors.

Plymouth – Request from TRF \$4,000. The Rotary Club of Plymouth, NH will use grant funds to complete the skate park in Plymouth, NH. The goal is to add a full pad and half pipe with horseshoe back. This will permit more free skating and challenges from beginners to advanced skateboarders. This project was identified by the youth in the community and is part of the Master Plan for Plymouth. It is supported by Plymouth University, the Police Department, local schools, numerous businesses, corporations, private citizens and the Rotary Club. The skateboard park will offer a safe environment for youth to congregate and participate in an activity they enjoy. The grant money will be used to fund equipment and to pay for the labor to install the new skateboard elements.

Randolph-Sunrise – Request from TRF \$1,950. The Rotary Club of Randolph-Sunrise is developing a four seasons series of volunteer collaborations, called “Rotarians for Area Youth”. The initial projects will focus on fostering reading and literacy, nutrition and developing a sense of belonging. Grant money will be used to:

- Engage young mothers in opportunities to learn more about nutrition, and focus on crock pot cooking. The plan is to provide crock pots, cookbooks, develop a recipe file with recipes from community members, and materials for training sessions.

- Develop a picnic area with the local food bank in order to provide a place to serve kids meals during the summer break when school lunch programs are not available. Funds are needed for the picnic area and gravel pad for the tables. The picnic tables will be located where underserved kids live. It is hoped that these will be gathering places to help build a sense of community belonging. Rotarians will be engaged in implementing both projects with the help of other community members.
- Provide personalized first grade readers to students in their local school.
- Purchase mittens to go with another gift for kid in need at Christmas.

White Mountain – Request from TRF \$1000 The Rotary Club of the White Mountains will purchase and install a scoreboard at the Libby Recreational Complex (soccer field). The scoreboard would be used for all middle school, junior varsity and varsity games. The Club will help install the scoreboard and cover the cost of \$15/mo to operate the scoreboard. The club's name will be listed as a scoreboard sponsor.