

Districts and clubs in Zone 28 and 32 are joining together for an initiative to establish ROTARY OXYGEN BANKS.

'The Bank would loan an Oxygen Concentrator to a patient in need, with the provision that after the immediate crisis is over, the concerned person would return the concentrator to the Oxygen Bank. Such a bank would be of help to a large number of people over a period of time.

Hopefully, this devastating wave of the COVID pandemic would abate in a while. After that, the Oxygen Bank would be of immense value for any subsequent wave and would be a sensible fallback option. The Oxygen Bank would also be of immense value to economically disadvantaged individuals suffering from ILD (Interstitial Lung Disease) or other Chest ailments that require Oxygenation for the patient'. After consultation with the Chair of the India Rotary COVID Task Force the most urgent need is for portable Oxygen Concentrators. These units are portable and will save many lives in the coming weeks and months.

Any amount is welcome: Time is of the essence.

The price of each concentrator is approx. US\$1000 including shipping, distribution and other logistical costs. **The need is immediate and critical.**

More [information here](#)

If you or your club would like to help with the crisis in India this is a great way to get involved.

As an individual you can:

E-Transfer to the Rotary club of Essex Foundation as follows:

1. Email address is nrmcbeth@gmail.com
2. Include your complete name, address, and email address in memo or better yet just include your name and send an email to nrmcbeth@gmail.com with your name and address and you will receive an email receipt quite quickly.
3. Main contact is Neil McBeth
4. Any problems contact Tim Schilds at timschild@telus.net or 250-467-3378

As a club you can:

1. Collect funds from your club members
2. Prepare a complete spreadsheet (excel preferred) with details of name, address and email address for each contributor.
3. E-Transfer the funds to the email address above and include club name in memo line
4. Email the spreadsheet to Neil McBeth nrmcbeth@gmail.com so each member can receive a donation receipt.
5. Any problems contact Tim Schilds at timschild@telus.net or 250-467-3378

In addition to an E-Transfer you can send a cheque to the Rotary club of Essex Foundation. More details can be found at the information here link above.

Charitable receipts will be issued on request for donations for any amount over \$50.00 for Rotarians and \$ 100.00 for community member donors.