



Club of Windsor
Foundation Fund

Your Legacy at Work in Rotary Club of Windsor (1918)

LOCALLY

Our Focus is Helping Children

Rotary Club of Windsor Foundation Fund has been a large contributor to many local charities. Over the years, we've determined top priorities for service projects by first learning about what the needs of Windsor-Essex County were, and then developing responses that addressed those needs. Below are some examples of how our Foundation has been an integral part in helping our community:



EASTER SEALS

Rotary Club of Windsor (1918), along with 6 other Rotary Clubs from Ontario, joined in 1922 to address the lack of resources and support for children with physical disabilities. Easter Seals, then called Ontario Society for Crippled Children, was created to see that children received the treatment they needed and to inform the public about children's health to prevent the spread of disease.

Over many decades, our Rotary Club has raised several million dollars to assist Easter Seals children and their families.



THE JOHN MCGIVNEY CENTRE

The John McGivney Children's Centre provides specialized rehabilitation, education, child care and support services to the Windsor-Essex County community, enriching the lives of children and youth with special needs. From 2015 to 2016 more than 2,800 individuals received service from JMCC's programs

Testimonial

"For over forty years the Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) has been actively involved with our Centre. In November of 1965 the Club commenced planning under the leadership of Rotarian Mr. John McGivney for a new facility providing integrated services for children with disabilities. The Children's Rehabilitation Centre of Essex County opened its doors on June 26th, 1978.

The Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) has actively supported our programs, services and equipment needs over the years to ensure that no child goes without service. Again, in 2007 they have come through at a pivotal time of need as the Centre now embarks on a long awaited building expansion. We must raise \$6 million locally to augment the \$8 million provided by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services for our expanded facility. The Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) has committed to be our lead donor with a generous pledge of \$1 million to our capital fundraising campaign."

– Elaine Whitmore, CEO, John McGivney Centre

CHILDREN'S SAFETY VILLAGE

Annually, the Safety Village provides onsite education programs to as many as 10,000 elementary school children. Since opening, they have provided safety programs to more than 87,000 local school children and families who attended their numerous programs and events.



MARYVALE ADOLESCENT & FAMILY SERVICES

"The Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) had always been a driving force for good in this community. In 1991 the Club was considering projects for their upcoming 75th anniversary and became aware that there was no local capacity to respond to children who were suicidal or in psychiatric crisis. They determined to resolve this and, in 1994, founded the Rotary Home for Children and Youth on the Maryvale campus. This in turn attracted child psychiatrists, highly trained specialists, to the community and served as the foundation to expand crisis services for families.

This facility serves children in Windsor/Essex and Chatham/Kent and is recognized as a ground-breaking success, being the first place in Ontario where hospital beds for children are located within an established children's mental health centre.

Kids coming out of this program give these comments: 'I don't feel like I want to die', 'the place was very calm and the staff respected me' and 'I know some other ways to handle my feelings now that won't hurt me'." – *Connie Martin, CEO, Maryvale*

ESSEX KENT JUNIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION

Essex Kent Junior Golf Association, then known as Essex Kent Boys Golf Tournament, was established in 1928. It is one of the longest running junior tournaments in North America and provides junior golfers an opportunity to learn about the sport, free of charge, and to develop lifelong skills and appreciation. Each year, the winner is awarded with the "Harry Neal Trophy", Harry Neal being the first president and founder of the Rotary Club of Windsor (1918), and also the founder of the Golf Association.



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS

The Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) Community Service Grants program was established to have a more direct positive impact in the local community. Since 2013, we've distributed over \$300,000 to local organizations. As one example, we provided funds to the Salvation Army to expand their community meal program, where hundreds of people who suffer from homelessness and other issues can get a warm meal.

"For over 20 plus years, we've been doing a soup kitchen during the cold weather. This year, we decided to do a couple of full meals instead of just a soup kitchen, and the reception to it has been fantastic, and the need is just proven by the number that shows up [...] The Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) has given us a \$5,000 grant to start us up, and we're grateful for that."

Major Paul Rideout, Assistant Executive Director of the Salvation Army



INTERNATIONALLY

Improving Lives

The Foundation Fund has also helped to significantly improve the lives of children and their families internationally. From drilling wells so tens of thousands of people have access to clean water, to supplying Mosquito nets in Africa to prevent Malaria, providing eyesight and building several schools, among many other initiatives, our foundation has had a tremendous global impact. Here are just a few projects our Foundation has been a part of:



ROTARY CLUB'S "MISSION FOR VISION"

The Rotary Eye Institute was established in 1977 in Gujarat, India to help service the high volume of those suffering from visual impairment. The Rotary Club of Windsor Foundation Fund helped by providing funds to improve outdated equipment and modernize operating rooms. "With new technology, you can do a normal eye operation in 10 minutes. With laser you can do it two minutes [...] I saw in India, in my own home town, people who cannot work because they are blind. If you give sight to a person, he has an income stream for the rest of his productive life" said Windsor Rotarian Dr. Hasu Naik. Dr. Naik went on to lead a Rotary team in Nigeria, performing over 2000 eye surgeries and restoring their sight. "Miracles were a daily occurrence. When their dressings were open, the patients started seeing everything. They were jumping for joy", says Dr. Naik. "I am not a millionaire. I could not do this work without Rotary".



WATER IS LIFE – OUR PROJECTS IN GHANA, WEST AFRICA

Humans cannot live without water, and yet many must either travel several kilometers daily to a far-away village to draw water or get it from ditches or ponds, which quite oftentimes carry waterborne disease, such as: cholera, typhoid and dysentery. The solution is to drill wells in villages to provide clean water. Through our Foundation, we have provided wells in more than 30 villages in Ghana, and yet still have many more villages requiring our help. As of 2018, each well with a hand pump costs an average of \$6,000 to install. Windsor Rotarian Dr. Bacheyie says that "wells have reduced sickness and disease and have improved life expectancy. They have enabled more children to stay in school, as they no longer have to take time off school to go search for water".



SUPPORT FOR ORPHANAGE - GHANA

The Sisters in a convent in Jirapa, Ghana, established an orphanage many years ago. Windsor Rotarian Dr. Godfrey Bacheyie and our Foundation have assisted in recent years with funding for infrastructure, supplies and food for the children (between 16 and 24 at any given time).

MOSQUITO NETS: HELPING TO PREVENT MALARIA

Night-time mosquitoes infect more than 200 million people internationally per year with Malaria, and results in more than 500,000 deaths annually. Many of those infected are young children and pregnant women. Large Mosquito nets to sleep under, embedded with chemicals in the fibers, are the only answer for many. Our Club has purchased and distributed thousands.



INTENSIVE CARE UNIT FOR NEWBORNS - GHANA

In a small rural hospital in Jirapa, Ghana, premature infants were given a substantially better chance of living in 2016, with the establishment of an intensive care unit for newborns. Funds were provided through our foundation and all the incubators and other necessary equipment were donated by Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital in Windsor. To date, hundreds of children have been given an opportunity to live and grow. Technical respiratory and other training was provided by Rotary for nurses and midwives. This will continue to improve the maternal/child health in the region.



OUR PROJECTS IN TANZANIA, EAST AFRICA

Our goal is to improve the social determinant of health for vulnerable populations in Tanzania. The focus is the provision of education sponsorships to orphaned and vulnerable children in Tanzania. Currently, we are providing long-term education sponsorship for over 60 students, from the pre-school age through to university. We are involved in the provision of clean water, agriculture (particularly corn), health care, sports activities and business development.

We work collaboratively with the Saidia Agriculture and Social Care Organization (SASCO) an NGO founded and managed by Tanzanians for Tanzanians. SASCO was granted NGO status from the United Republic of Tanzania in September 2011. This summer (2018) we are completing the Windsor (1918) Legacy Learning Centre and we are involved in a Vocational Training Team focused on math education in the elementary schools.



FIGHTING POLIO:

Rotary International, World Health Organization and the Gates Foundation teamed up to eradicate polio from the world in 1985. At that time, there were approximately 400,000 new reported cases per year. Today, as of June, 2018, there are 11 known cases. A highly infectious disease, polio causes paralysis and is sometimes fatal. For as little as 60 cents (USD) worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life. Several members of our Club have participated in National Immunization Days, and have gone in those countries where polio still existed, and have given the vaccine. Our foundation has provided more than \$300,000 US dollars in support of this initiative.



YOUR LEGACY AT WORK

A legacy gift is a gift for the future. Planning to leave a Legacy Gift in your Will is one of the most thoughtful ways to help others and leave a lasting impact on your community. There are many kinds of Legacy Gifts as outlined below. These deferred gifts are most often arranged when you are preparing your Will or updating your financial plans. The following information is general in nature. **We encourage you to seek legal and financial advice to ensure your specific wishes are carried out, and you or your estate enjoy the tax benefits of your generosity.**

WILLS/BEQUESTS

Making a specific gift to Rotary Club of Windsor Foundation Fund can be done through your Will, or can be done by writing an amendment called a Codicil to your existing Will. Either a specific amount or a percentage of the Estate can be indicated.

LIFE INSURANCE

Insurance Policies provide an easy way to make a significant future gift. You can have Rotary Club of Windsor Foundation Fund designated as policy holder and beneficiary of an existing or new policy. You will receive a tax receipt for the cash surrender value (if any) of the policy and further annual tax receipts on future payment of premiums. Alternatively, you may simply name the Foundation as the beneficiary of your insurance policy, and at the end of your lifetime, the proceeds are received by the Foundation and a donation receipt is issued to your estate.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

Charitable Gift Annuities allow you to make a contribution to Rotary Club of Windsor Foundation Fund and in exchange, you receive guaranteed lifetime annuity income. Gift annuities allow the Foundation to realize an immediate source of new funds and you receive a charitable donation receipt and a guaranteed flow of fixed lifetime payments at a favourable tax rate. Depending on your age, this income will be partially tax-free or even fully tax-free.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS

With Charitable Remainder Trusts, assets (cash, securities or real estate) are transferred to an irrevocable trust with a trustee to manage the assets. You receive the income generated by the assets in trust, according to the terms set out at the time the trust is established and the capital remains intact. On termination of the trust (usually at death), Rotary Club of Windsor Foundation receives the remaining assets. The advantage of this type of gift is that you receive an immediate tax credit for your future donation.

ENDOWMENTS

An Endowment is a fund which is kept in perpetuity to provide interest and dividend earnings for the benefit of Rotary Club of Windsor Foundation Fund. Gifts of \$10,000 or more can be identified as a Named Endowment Gift that will honour you or your loved one while providing a source of income. You can designate the income produced by investing the endowment to support the Foundation.

GIFTS OF PROPERTY

You may wish to consider giving the gift of property such as retirement accounts, real estate, publicly-traded stocks. RRSP and RRIF Plans can also indicate Rotary Club of Windsor Foundation Fund as a beneficiary.

1918-1939

Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) established with Harry Neil as the first president.

President Art Fitzgerald establishes the Ontario Society for Crippled Children (now Easter Seals Ontario).

Metropolitan Hospital founded following a meeting with the Windsor Chamber of Commerce.

Started the Essex Kent Boys Golf Tournament (now Essex Kent Junior Golf Association).

1940-1959

Service Club established in Windsor for Armed Forces members.

Rotary Club of Windsor Foundation Fund established in 1947.

Lorne Hunter was the first local student to participate in International Youth Exchange.

Supported the build of two community swimming pools: Atkinson and Shore Acres.

1960-1979

Helped build a community pool for Prince Rd (now Mic Mac Park).

Senior Citizens Centre was developed with other partners.

Helped establish the Greater Windsor Foundation.

Founded the Essex County Children's Rehabilitation Centre (now the John McGivney Centre).

Took over Art in the Park from the City and the Art Gallery.

ROTARY'S TOMORROW DEPENDS ON WHAT WE DO TODAY

You can be an important part of the Foundation's next century of doing good in the world by giving to Rotary Club of Windsor Foundation Fund. Your gift will be carefully managed to provide capital and investment earnings for our many programs. Consider making a commitment to improve lives by leaving a personal legacy with Rotary Club of Windsor Foundation Fund.

LOW ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

The Rotary Club of Windsor Foundation Fund operates primarily with volunteers, and for many selected projects we are able to devote 100% of a donation to that project.

WHERE YOU WANT YOUR DONATIONS TO GO:



Promoting
Peace



Clean
Water



Saving Mothers
& Children



Growing Local
Economies



Fighting
Disease



Supporting
Education

LOCAL INITIATIVES:

- Help children with disabilities • Help adults with disabilities • Support environmental programs
- Healthcare programs • Support other fledgling charitable endeavors

INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES:

- Provide clean water and sanitation • Fight disease • Alleviate poverty
- Education/Literacy • Maternal and Child Health • Peace & Conflict Resolution

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

- Funds to be used at the discretion of the directors, where funds are most needed.

If you wish to make a donation today

- 1) Call the Rotary office at **519-253-6382** and pay by credit card.
 - 2) Send a cheque to the **Rotary office at 7911 Forest Glade Drive, Windsor, Ontario, N8T 3R7**. Cheques can be made payable to **Rotary Club of Windsor Foundation Fund**.
 - 3) Donate online at <https://rotary1918.com/page/donate>.
- All gifts (\$20 or more) will receive a registered charitable income tax receipt.

1980-1999

Evelyn Slobasky and Nancy Murray became first women members.

Helped establish the Rotary Home for Youth and Children at Maryvale.

Joined world-wide Rotary to help eradicate polio.

Sponsored Vietnam refugees, bringing them to a new life in Windsor.

Our Club established local Hart Walker program for disabled children.

Founded Rotary Children's Safety Village with other Rotary partners.

2000-2017

\$1 million donated to John McGivney Children's Centre for renovations and expansion.

Partners with Salvation Army to provide local food programs.

Helped expand Rotary home at Maryvale.

2018

OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR

Sponsored the Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) Centennial Hub which connects trails throughout Windsor/Essex County.

Developed the Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) Centennial Plaza, a riverfront destination.

Provided a significant source of clean water to the town of Jirapa, Upper West Region of Ghana.

Created a "Learning Centre" in Boma Ngombe, Tanzania.

Established a scholarship program.



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