

HOWE SOUND SECONDARY INTERACTERS WORK TO ERADICATE POLIO



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For the past 20 years Rotary and its partners have been working to eradicate polio around the world.

Polio is a viral disease that affects the nervous system which can then lead to partial or full paralysis.

The tenacious disease was a worldwide epidemic between 1840 and the 1950's, but since the development of polio vaccines, the disease has become greatly abated.

Due to the hard work of Rotary and its partner's, plus the generous donations from people around the world, Rotary's goal of eradicating Polio is now over 99% complete!

Due to its highly infectious nature, Polio will continue to be a threat to every child around the world prior to the annihilation of Polio. Outbreaks can still easily occur in the developed World, especially in groups of people that have not been vaccinated. An alarming 10% of the Canadian population has not vaccinated their children against Polio; these people are still at risk of contracting the virus. By example the disease could be attained by someone traveling in an infected country, and then brought back where it can easily be spread to those who are not vaccinated. This risk will continue to threaten the lives of children, youth and the elderly until the complete elimination of Polio.

**Please help us raise enough funds to conquer this disease.
60 cents is enough to vaccinate a child and protect their
future against this crippling disease.**

A fund-raiser 'Pennies for Polio' is being organized by H.S.S.S. Interact members. Donation jars will be placed at various locations throughout our community. Any businesses interested in having a donation jar please contact Larissa Berger at larissa_2-23@hotmail.com. Donations can also be dropped off in the office at Howe Sound Secondary School.

To learn more visit "Rotary.org/endpolio"

As well both Interact clubs and Howe Sound Leadership students will be going door to door, collecting non-perishable food items on Halloween. People can also drop off a food donation and visit the awesome Haunted House at 2585 Pentland in the Highlands on Halloween Night.

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