## Why do I give to the Foundation?

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One of the main reasons I am a Rotarian is that I believe it is the best means to take humanitarian action throughout the world and to give hope to millions of people in desperation. In fact, being a Rotarian while applying the "service above self" motto, for me clearly means that being a Rotarian means more than only focusing on our community needs. It means reaching out to everyone who is in need.



Rotarians, who are for the most part humanitarians, together make a big difference to millions of people around the world. When we consider that Rotarians are found worldwide in over 200 countries, we then recognize that we have a much greater opportunity to reach far and wide to those in desperate need. Together with other world Rotarians, we have a far greater global reach than any other organization. And not only that, as an international highly successful non-profit, we are often able to partner with other non-profits, such as the Bill and Belinda Gates Foundation, to even make a greater impact than we would by ourselves.

Personally, I support and will continue to support the Foundation to the best of my financial ability because I know that 94 percent of my donation goes directly to those in need, Why is this the case: First we bypass government and greedy politicians, their agencies and other middle level organizations who desire to make a profit in every transaction. Second, we recognize that Rotarians, who volunteer throughout the world in supervising and implementing humanitarian programs and projects, are people we can trust deeply.

The fact that The Rotary Foundation for 11 straight years has received a 4 star rating with Charity Navigation and a 4/4 rating with Charity Intelligence Canada clearly convinces me to invest my donations in this organization.

How can we sit back, with the opportunities we have and with our financial means, while people throughout the world are suffering and dying from malnutrition and disease, who are living in intolerable conditions, and who are in total desperation.

I believe strongly that my support for the Foundation, along with the support of other Rotarians in our club and beyond, gives hope to millions of people throughout the world.

I encourage my fellow Rotarians with our club to make a special point to support the Foundation. Please don't forget what a difference you can make for those in desperate need throughout the world.

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