

## ***Kelowna Sunrise Rotarians Recognize World Immunization Week from April 24-30***

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*“Join with Rotary to promote the power of vaccines.*

Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise have always supported the efforts of The Rotary Foundation and its partners for decades in their cause to eradicate polio from the world. During the Rotary year of 2020-21, the club has already surpassed its funding goal by 169%. To date, donations of US\$4233 have been made by many of the club’s members since July 02, 2020.

During World Immunization Week, 24-30 April, Rotary is making a special plea for Rotarians around the world to join with Rotary to combat vaccine hesitancy and misinformation by spreading the facts about why #VaccinesWork.



With decades of experience fighting polio, Rotary plays a key role in informing people about the power and effectiveness of vaccines. As COVID-19 vaccines become more available, Rotary members are using our experience in fighting polio to help communities with their vaccination education and organization efforts. Because Rotary and their partners have worked so hard, wild poliovirus remains endemic in only two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan. But to eradicate it there and to prevent resurgence in other parts of the world,

Rotarians must continue to build trust in vaccines and raise funds for polio eradication, including vaccine delivery.

Take a couple of minutes to watch the following video: “Rotary Inspires Leaders in Global Health.” In it, global health leaders like U.S. infectious disease expert Dr. Anthony Fauci, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Co-Chair Bill Gates, UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta H. Fore, and World Health Organization Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus talk about what Rotary has achieved in the fight to end polio.



*A note to our non-Rotarian friends who have the same desire as Rotarians around the world in eradicating polio: You can also donate to Rotary’s PolioPlus Fund. Simply contact a Rotarian in any Rotary club and indicate your interest in doing so, and you will be guided as to how you can make this donation.*

*For your information, through the science of immunization, @Rotary & partners have saved nearly 19 million children from becoming paralyzed by polio. #VaccinesWork #EndPolio EndPolio.org*