



2024 Impact Report



A LETTER

From the CRCF Chair

The Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation (CRCF) is a registered foundation that manages a General Fund for participating Calgary area Rotary Clubs. The CRCF distributes funds annually to community service projects or other charities as directed by the Clubs. This year, I am pleased to announce that the CRCF Board has approved a \$2.7 million distribution, leaving \$63 million in the General Fund. Full details are available in the audited financial statements as of February 29, 2024.

Our work is driven by dedicated committees:

Investment Committee: Chaired by Greg Stevenson, the committee is conducting a thorough risk assessment of our investments. This year's performance saw a \$9.4 million increase in the General Fund, a significant recovery from last year's challenges.

Audit Committee: Led by Sandy Dougall and supported by Treasurer Stan Peloski, ensured a timely and accurate audit of our financial statements. Thanks to Stan and CRCF Accountant Tracy Nelson for maintaining our financial records throughout the year.

Governance Committee: Under the leadership of Vern Kimball, the committee enhanced our governance practices. With the help of CRCF Administrator Alana Sargent, they updated policy documents, By-Laws, and established a comprehensive records management system.

Communications Committee: This year, the committee focused on implementing a new communications plan. Consultant Darren Nimegeers expanded his role to include executing this plan, aiming to enhance our website with imagery and project stories, launch an annual impact report, and increase communication with member Clubs.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all CRCF Board members for their contributions this year. Special thanks to outgoing members Jim Davis, Stan Peloski, Eva Freisen, Paul Gagnon,

and Darryl Gunn for their dedication and service. We welcome new Board members Jamie Powell, Jim Rhijnsburger, Randy Topolnitsky, Doug Webb, and Grant MacEachern, and look forward to their contributions.

It has been an honour to serve as Chair of the CRCF Board. I am confident in the continued success of our foundation under the leadership of incoming Chair Mike Ruttan.

Sincerely,

Rob Brookwell, Chair, CRCF
June 30, 2024

the NUMBERS

\$2.7M

Funds distributed to
clubs in 2024

\$63M

Fund balance at year
end (Feb. 29, 2024)

Impact Stories



Use this QR code to visit us online to read the whole story! Our website is at calgaryrotaryfoundation.ca.

The Stella Foundation

In 2016, CRCF received some \$2.5M to establish an Endowment fund named "The Estate of Rosetta and Mario Stella." Mario was a long-time member of the Calgary Stampede Park Club and, in his will, left these funds to CRCF with the income to be used "to provide transportation for special needs persons."

The investment income from this bequest is now flowing to the Stampede Park Club and, over the last few years, they have donated funds for Transportation Equipment to various Calgary charities.

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Responding to Crisis

The impact and benefit of Rotarian generosity extends far beyond the immediate aid it can provide.

Last year, a \$5,000 donation by the Fish Creek Club illustrated the profound impact of giving. This contribution alone provided nine families in Gaza with durable tents, ensuring almost 50 individuals had a safe place to call home amidst crisis.

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Celebrating Donations

Charitable giving by Calgary Rotarians has been shared with dozens of organizations over the past year. This included major and small donations - every one of which has had a substantial impact for the supported organizations and the people they serve.

The following is a partial list of support distributed. The online version is a living list that will be updated as additional donation information is received from the participating Rotary clubs.

Recipient	Club	Amount	Notes
Large Donations			
Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation	Downtown	\$175k	• Rotary Flames House Playground Project
Ronald MacDonald House Charities	Downtown, Stampede Park	\$125k, \$125k	• Rotary Flames Park and Playground at Ronald McDonald House expansion; Total budget \$400k; Flames Foundation contributed \$150k
Safe Haven Foundation	Downtown	\$100k	• Community Hubs spaces within new Havens Harbour building
Brawn Family Foundation Rotary Park	Downtown	\$81k	• Supporting youth mental health recovery; Part of the overall \$1.4M project budget
Smaller Donations			
Easter Seals	Stampede Park	\$15,000	• Grant for purchase of power wheelchairs, scooters and similar equipment in Calgary area.
Rotary Bursaries	Downtown	\$10,000	• Educational Support
Wings of Hope for Africa Foundation	Downtown	\$10,000	• Helping families, primarily from Burundi & Rwanda here in Calgary
Calgary Quest Children's Society	Downtown	\$9,362	• Supporting young persons with developmental disabilities. Funding towards outfitting two special "calm" rooms
Youth en Route	Stampede Park	\$8,000	• Purchase of adaptive bikes for special education students in Calgary
The Drop-In Centre	Downtown	\$6,500	• Commercial Steam Kettle
Inn from the Cold Society	Downtown	\$5,000	• Helping families out of the cycle of homelessness
The SHARP Foundation	Downtown	\$5,000	• Purchase of kitchen items
The Alex (Alexandra Community Health Centre)	Downtown	\$4,000	• Purchase of specialized ultrasound wand components to be used onsite or on their mobile unit
Wheels for Kids	Downtown	\$3,000	• Refurbish bicycles recovered from the City of Calgary landfills or donated. • Repair & give to children with new helmet.
NSTEP	Downtown	\$2,000	• Adult & Child Literacy & foundational learning