

Big BBQs Project

Since 1951, The Rotary Club of Calgary has produced two annual Rotary Stampede
Barbecues – known as the
"Oxford Stomp" and
"Stampede Roundup, these events are held at Fort Calgary in the centre of the city.



In 2013, the two BBQs raised

over \$400,000 and drew crowds of nearly 30,000 people from all across the globe.



What began as an event for Rotary families to come together and celebrate Stampede season, has evolved into one of the most important Rotary Club of Calgary fundraisers.

It takes more than the whole club to organize the BBQs – friends, families and neighbours regularly roll up their sleeves to carve meat, serve drinks, and load equipment. The volunteers who work the BBQs tend to return every year, and have developed their own community within the Rotary community.

Since 2006, the events have raised over \$2.2 million.



Rotary Flames "Gift to Community"

Working with our partners, the Rotary Club of Calgary South and The Calgary Flames Foundation, the Rotary Club of Calgary made a five-year, **\$10 million commitment** to fund several health-related projects that would serve Southern Alberta. In addition to the following programs, \$5 million was given in support of five medical research initiatives.

Rotary Flames House: \$2.5 million



Opened in 2009 adjacent to the Alberta Children's Hospital, the Rotary Flames House was designed to support families throughout their child's illness. The centre houses 11 patient rooms, therapeutic activity areas and a classroom. This children's hospice provides a safe, caring, home-like environment for the provision of specialized quality of life for children with life-limiting illness and, when needed,

pediatric palliative care services that support the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual wellbeing of children and their families.

• Southern Alberta Institute of Urology: \$1.5 million

The 40,000 square foot centre of excellence is the largest and most comprehensive urology center in Canada and the first to offer a multidisciplinary patient-centred approach to urological care. The Southern Alberta Institute of Urology diagnoses and treats patients with urological conditions at one location, and consolidates the care provided by 17 urological specialists who serve patients in Calgary and Southern Alberta. It is also the home of the Prostate Cancer Centre and the Alberta Bladder Centre.

Rotary Flames Park at Ronald McDonald House: \$500,000

More than 17,000 families have made the Ronald McDonald House their home away from home while their child is receiving treatment at the Alberta Children's Hospital. These children and their families can now play in the two-acre private park surrounding the



house. The Rotary Flames Park is an oasis of trees, flowers and includes bike paths, playgrounds, and many quiet garden retreats.



Rotary/Mattamy Greenway

In 2012, an alliance was formed between 15 Rotary Clubs to raise **\$5 million** over five years in support of a legacy project, the Rotary/Mattamy Greenway.

Parks Foundation Calgary is building on Calgary's nearly 1,000 km of pathway with the Greenway Project, a 138 km network of parks and pathways that will encircle the city. Along the pathway users will find unique amenities such as specialty off-leash dog parks, family fitness parks, educational wetland interpretive areas, and unique play structures.

The Greenway will be a year-round destination for cyclists, cross-country skiers, nature lovers, and kids of all ages to play outdoors. Connecting to 55 communities and



40,000 citizens makes the Greenway accessible to Calgarians around the city and is the longest urban pathway and park in the world.





Calgary Rotary Challenger Park

Calgary Rotary Challenger Park is a barrier free meeting and recreational facility that is accessible to all people regardless of their age or ability. It is a model of community inclusiveness where persons with disabilities can play next to and with their able-bodied peers.

Rotary Challenger Park is the result of a partnership of individuals and organizations representing more than 100,000 people in the community, including 13 Rotary Calgary Clubs, as well as clubs in Airdrie and Cochrane, along with the Calgary Airport Authority. Through this ongoing combined effort, the Park has become and will remain a thriving success for Calgary.



Located on 23 acres of land provided by the Calgary Airport Authority, the Park consists of baseball/softball diamonds, a cricket field, dressing rooms, a soccer/football field, a 400 metre running track, basketball courts, tennis courts, administration building, picnic areas, a playground, 1,500 square foot meeting space, concession and other amenities.



Rotary Stay-in-School

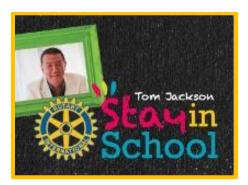
Alberta has one of the highest high school dropout rates in the country, resulting in low productivity and high long-term social costs. The Stay-in-School program is addressing this issue by providing one-on-one mentorship, commencing when the student is in Grade 6, and funding for post-secondary education to students at risk.

Since the Rotary Stay-in-School program began in 1996, it has raised over **\$1.3 million** and provided 32,000 hours of mentorship to **170 students.**

A key fundraiser for the Rotary Stay in School program is the annual Jack Carter/Rotary Golf Classic , which aims to raise \$125,000 each year to assist the Stay-in-School program in exploring additional initiatives, including the possibility of providing increased financial help for post-secondary students.

Currently, the program is working with 84 at-risk students, with another 32 in various stages of post-secondary education. The program boasts an 80% success rate.

Tom Jackson Stay-in-School



The Rotary Tom Jackson Stay-in-School program is a mentoring program intended to engage Aboriginal youth at an early stage, and work with them throughout their education to encourage successful high school completion. The initiative offers mentoring, tutoring, awards, scholarships and general support to Aboriginal children and youth.

This initiative is structured around strategic partnerships, Aboriginal education and awareness, and mentorship and partnering with existing groups supporting Aboriginal youth.

Tom Jackson is a successful Aboriginal Canadian actor and philanthropist.



Rotary World Community Service

The Rotary Club of Calgary has strong ties to international activities, with projects in SE Asia, Africa, and Central and South American. Many projects are championed by Rotary Club of Calgary members, while others are partnerships with other Rotary Clubs. World Community Service has managed more than \$1 million in support of more than a dozen projects around the world:

- Providing personal and educational support to AIDS orphans and AIDS affected families in **Uganda** through **Taking Rotary Assistance to Children and Communities** (TRACC).
- Providing mosquito nets to prevent the spread of malaria through the Malaria Project.



- Providing access to books and learning opportunities to improve teacher's and children's literacy in **Uganda** through **Read Uganda**.
- Providing opportunities for girls in rural areas who would be otherwise unable to continue their education beyond primary school through a program called Atsikana Pa Ulendo (APU) with Girls on the Move in Malawi.



- Achieving **sustainability and self-sufficiency** for families in rural villages in **Cambodia** through wells, biosand filters, irrigation, schools, training and empowerment.
- Providing **teacher education** opportunities in **Afghanistan.**
- Increasing **learning opportunities** and safety in rural **Guatemala** by building computer libraries, schools and stoves.



Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology (CAWST)



The Rotary Club of Calgary is in the third year of a three-year partnership with CAWST focused on Water Expertise Training (WET) Centres. This period was preceded by a five-year collaboration. Current funding of \$150,000, spread over three years, contributes to the \$2,000,000 CAWST requires to qualify for a grant from the Canadian government.

These WET Centres provide leadership, training, technical consulting and educational resources to government agencies and community groups to increase access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation.

Eight WET Centres in developing countries like Cambodia, Indonesia and Uganda, have trained 645 organizations and

1,900 individuals to provide clean water.