

International Projects

1. Legs for the Legless (Jaipur Leg) Project , Calcutta, India (2001)

The Rotary Club of Medicine Hat in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan provided funding towards a project to make artificial legs for disabled people in India. One of the Indian Rotarians provided a building to house the workshop where they made the artificial legs. These legs allowed recipients to go back to work and start leading a normal life. Following completion of this project, the Indian Rotarians question why someone from Medicine Hat would care about people in India and decided they would take over the continuation of the project. They have since helped start a similar project in another area or country.

Cost of the project:	\$32,700 US
Rotary Club of Medicine Hat	\$3,600
Wild Rose Foundation	\$3,750
RC of Calcutta Metropolitan	\$5,000
Rotary Foundation	\$20,000

2. Health, Hunger & Humanitarian (3H) Programs – Kolkata Villages Project, India (2003-2011)

This project was one of the Club’s largest projects, carried out in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan. The project received a \$300,000 3H RI grant to provide an integrated development through potable water, sanitation, literacy, vocational training, microcredit, health care and improved infrastructure in four villages (Kolkata Villages) north of Calcutta, India. This project not only improved the basics of life for the Villages, but it also provided them a road to provide transportation during the monsoon seasons. This project was written up 3 times in the Rotarian magazine and RI made a video (Make No Small Plans) of this project and has used this project as a template of how International projects should be done.

Cost of the project:	\$365,000 US
Rotary Club of Medicine Hat	\$29,000
RC of Calcutta Metropolitan	\$11,000
RI - 3H Grant	\$325,000

3. Literacy For All, Kirstenbosch, South Africa (2009 – 2010)

This project was to provide books to special needs student (cerebral palsy) in two schools (Sunlands Primary and Vista Nova Primary). The project is a complete program in each of the official languages (Xhosa, English & Afrikaans). It is a systematic, practical approach to the teaching of reading using the Kagiso Reading series developed by South African Teachers. This project was initiated after a number of Rotarians from our Club went on a South African tour and visited several South African Rotary Clubs while on tour.

Cost of the project:	\$12,600 US
Rotary Club of Medicine Hat	\$5,000
Rotary District 5360	\$2,500
RI - 100% of District	\$2,500
RI – 50% of MH	\$2,500

4. Equipment for the Visually Impaired, Rotary Club of De Salto Brazil (2010)

The Club donated funds to the Rotary Club of De Salto, Brazil to purchase equipment (Braille Printer, & Typewriter and Index 4 x 4 Pro Printer) to assist low income visually impaired persons.

Project Cost:	\$23,800 US
Rotary Club of Medicine Hat	\$5,200 (\$6,534 CDN)
RI District 5360	\$5,000
RI - 100% of District	\$5,000
RI – 50% of MH	\$2,600
RC of Kirstenbosch	\$6,000

5. Four Indian School Projects, Mulki, India (2010-2012)

This project provided the basic infrastructure of drinking water, sanitation facilities, furniture, games, computers, library books and laboratory equipment to four rural schools (*K.P.S.K Higher Primary School, Panjinaka, Mulki; Baharathmatha Higher Primary School, Punaroor; D.K.Z.P. Primary Scholl and Kerekadu; Panchanabettu Vidyavardaka High School, Hiriyaadka*) in the area. Most of the 2000 children who benefited from this project come from families of uneducated agriculture workers who do not have the income to support their children’s education. The Medicine Hat High School Interact Club donated \$3,000 toward providing clean water to primary school in Panjinadka.

Project Cost:	\$25,000 US (1,075,000 Rs.)	
Rotary Club of Medicine Hat	\$8,260	
MHHS Interact (Clean water)	\$3,000	
District Grant	\$4,000	
RI - 100% of District	\$4,000	
RI – 50% of MH	\$5,630	
Rotary Club of Mulki	\$110	

6. Rotary Centre for Senior Citizens, Chunaganveli, India (2011 -2012)

Our Club contributed funds towards the construction of an expansion to the Rotary Centre for Senior Citizens in Chunaganveli. The project involved renovating an existing building to house a Day Care Centre for seniors, Library, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy Centre, Counselling Centre and recreation centre, as well as adding a multipurpose hall and building an Elder Park to the existing Rotary Seniors Centre opened in 2009. The centre is run by the Sisters of Destitue with funding from Rotary and houses 400 senior residents.

Project Cost:	\$100,000 US	(3,135,000.00 Rs.)
Rotary Club of Medicine Hat	\$20,000	
Alberta Government (CIP Grant)	\$20,000	
Rotary Club of Cochín	\$60,000	

7. Orphanage Bathroom Project, Stroganovka Village, Crimea, Ukraine (2013-2014)

The Club donated \$20,000 to the Rotary Club of Simferopol-Taurica to upgrade 3 washrooms at the Stroganovka Village Orphanage. The contact for this project was made when a member of our Club (Joe Hrankowski) was the Team Leader on a Group Study Exchange (GSE) to the Ukraine. Shortly after the project was finished, Russia invaded this area of the Ukraine and contact with the Simferopol-Taurica Rotarians has been sporadic.

Project Cost:	\$20,000
Rotary Club of Medicine Hat	\$20,000

8. Los Amigos, Mexico (2015-2016)

Los Amigos is an international service project organized by the Rotary Club of Lethbridge Sunrise in partnership with other Rotary Clubs across the District. Between 2011 and 2016, Los Amigos has coordinated the donation of 25 decommissioned Canadian vehicles to Mexican communities. These vehicles are now in regular use for medical emergencies, firefighting or transportation of young students and disabled individuals in Mexico. In 2016, there were 12 Rotary Clubs who sponsored the project, some participating through cash donations and others through the donation of emergency vehicles, equipment and supplies, and volunteer drivers to transport the vehicles to Mexico. Every year 10 Rotarians are recruited as volunteer drivers who make a 7 day, 3,800 km journey from Lethbridge to Mazatlan. On average, Rotarians donate 4,000 hours of time every year to this project through the planning, preparation, and travel to Mexico.

The Rotary Club of Medicine Hat sponsored this project in 2015-2016 through the donation of \$5000, two volunteer drivers, and medical equipment and supplies as part of the convoy to Mexico.

Project Cost:	\$ 45,000
Rotary Club of Medicine Hat	\$ 5,000
11 Rotary Clubs in 5360 District	\$ 40,000

- Note 1: Some Clubs received District Grants for their portion of the donation.
- Note 2: The project total cost does not include the donations of supplies, donated cost of vehicles or volunteer time.

9. Club Santa Lucia Project – Estelí, Nicaragua (2016 – 2018)

In collaboration with the Rotary Club of Estelí, Nicaragua, the Rotary Club of Medicine Hat provided funding support of \$22,500 to repair the bathrooms, kitchen, and pantry of Hogar de Ancianos Sta Lucia, a Home for 55 seniors who have physical limitations, mental challenges or who have been abandoned in the streets.

The bathroom and kitchen remodeling project provided assistance in upgrading the facility to meet geriatric health standards due to the poor and unsafe conditions of the building. Through Rotary’s support, the completely remodeled communal resident bathrooms now provide proper conditions, accessibility for the disabled who use wheelchairs or cannot walk, and a healthier and more sanitary environment for both seniors and their caretakers.

Project Cost:	\$ 25,000
Rotary Club of Medicine Hat	\$ 15,000
RI District 5360	\$ 7,500
Rotary Club of Estelí	\$ 2,500 (cash and in-kind)

10. Interact Project – House for Don Alberto Gutierrez - Nicaragua (2017-2018)

The MHHS Interact Club in conjunction with the Interact Club in Estelí contributed funds to allow the construction of a new home for Don Alberto Gutierrez, a local artist. The Estelí Interact Club provided the manpower to construct the home.

Cost of the project:	\$ 2,500
MHHS Interact Club	\$1,500
Rotary Club of Medicine Hat	\$1,000
Estelí Interact Club	Manpower.

11. Make Them Smile – Denture Project - Sri Lanka (2019 – 2021)

The Medicine Hat Rotary Club in conjunction with the Capital City Rotary Club in Colombo, Sri Lanka provided funding for a project to provided 426 dentures to 238 low-income seniors in rural Sri Lanka. A local Dentist and technicians volunteered their time and Sri Lankan Rotarians help transport and feed patients and look after the administration of the project. This project was initiated through contacts made with members of the Capital City Rotary Club during a visited to Medicine Hat as part of a Rotary Friendship Exchange. COVID and economic issues in the Sri Lanka caused this duration of the project to continue longer than originally anticipated but it is now completed.

Project Cost:	\$ 10,000
Rotary Club of Medicine Hat	\$ 2,500
RI District 5360 Grant	\$ 7,500

12. Kenyan School Cafeteria Project (2021 – 2022)

The Medicine Hat Rotary Club participated in a project to construct a kitchen at the *Tenderfoot Self Help School* in the Kangemi slum in Nairobi Kenya. The project was spearheaded by Bill Gray, a Rotarian with the Rotary Club of Cataraqui-Kingston Ontario. Through personal contacts, Bill convinced Rotarians from Medicine Hat, Ontario, USA, India & Pakistan to contribute to this project. Local Rotarians contributed \$2,500 which allowed the Club to qualify for a \$7,500 District grant. The remaining funds were donated by other Rotarians from various Clubs.

Project Cost:	\$ 32,000
Rotary Club of Medicine Hat	\$ 2,500
RI District 5360 Grant	\$ 7,500
Other Rotarians	\$ 12,000

13. 3D Limbs Project – Sri Lanka (Global Grant #2122515) (2022 - 2023)

The Rotary Club of Medicine Hat has partnered with the Rotary Club of Calgary Centennial (lead club) and other Canadian and International clubs to raise \$34,397 US, which, when matched with district and global grants, provided \$115,000 US for a project in Sri Lanka to provide the 3D printer hardware and software and training for technicians in Sri Lanka to produce 250 or more prosthetic limbs to underprivileged youth (under 23 years of age). The Rotary Club of Medicine Hat provided \$2,100 US resulting in a \$5,000 US RI District grant. The first activity was for the technology provider (Nia Technologies) to visit the Sri Lanka site and validate the conditions prior to ordering equipment. However, the continuing economic crisis in the country worsened in 2022 due to the devaluation of the rupee, increased inflation, and civil unrest leading to the resignations of those in power. A visit from Nia Technologies was postponed indefinitely and the training was moved to India to ensure the funds are secured for needed purchases. We are still waiting for an update on the project status from the Capital City Rotary Club in Colombo, Sri Lanka, the Sri Lanka Rotary club leading the initiative.

Project Cost:	\$ 115,000 USD
Rotary Club of Medicine Hat	\$ 2,100 USD
RI District 5360 - Medicine Hat	\$ 5,000 USD
Other Club Contributions	\$ 34,397 USD
Global Grants	\$ 73,503 USD