



# ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024



This report covers the activities and impact of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg for the Rotary year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Thank you to all the Board members who have made this year successful. A special thanks to all members of the club who participated in many ways to ensure the success of our programs and projects.

**THANK YOU ROTARIANS!!**

**Ronald Reider**

**President 2023**

September 2024



Congratulations to all. We reached our target of provision on 1,000 Survival Garden Kits to women and families in South Africa

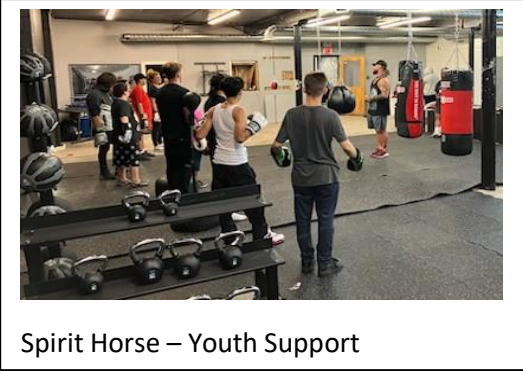


Building Beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace

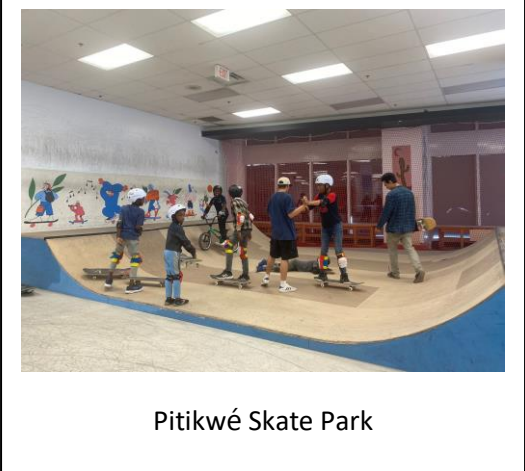
- We initiated support to 5 new Projects:
- Pitikwé Skate Park
  - Sleep in Heavenly Peace
  - Robotics Training
  - One Pallet, One Community
  - Spirit Horse



Robotics Training



Spirit Horse – Youth Support



Pitikwé Skate Park



Many people helped to fill and ship a pallet of hygiene products to the community of Cormorant in Northern Manitoba:

Ankita Soni, pharmacist at the Medicine Shoppe in Kenaston village, the Rotary Clubs of Winnipeg and The Pas, and True North Aid.




One Pallet, One Community - Cormorant



## **HIGHLIGHTS OF CLUB ACTIVITIES DURING JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024**

This Rotary year 2023-24 has been a very exciting for the Club. Thank you all so much for your commitment to Rotary and for your valuable contributions. The work that we all do is impactful, Below are a few highlights from the past year.

- Model United Nations Assembly was live in May with 60 teams and 120 youth
- Rotary Adventures in Human Rights was held in August with 24, grade 12 youth
- Support was provided to 5 new initiatives Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Pitikwé Skate Park, Robotics Training, One Pallet One Community, Spirit Horse
- Two International Projects were completed
- 9 members inducted
- 1 Paul Harris award given
- Lots of Winter clothing, skates, hockey equipment and skate sharpening machine sent North

Details of these and many other impactful programs and projects are contained in this Annual Impact Report. Thank you to all members who provided information for this Annual Impact report.

## **We are changing the world!**

### **CLOSING REMARKS - June 2024 - Outgoing President Ronald Reider**

Good evening Fellow Rotarians. Tonight is an evening when we celebrate our successes, look back at the impact we have made this year and remember why we are Rotarians and People of Action. The Rotary International Presidential theme for 2023-24 was "Create Hope in the World" and I believe we have been able to do that in several ways through our programs/projects and activities. But first let me thank all of you for your support to the club during this past year. I know that I was absent some of the time and I am thankful that my Board members were able to keep us moving in a positive and fruitful direction. Thanks to all of you.

So lets look back on what we accomplished between July 1 2023 and June 30 2024

**Membership** – during 2023-24 we inducted 9 members. Let's reach out and get to know our new members, make them feel welcome, engage with them and make them feel a part of our organization.

**Meetings** – COVID seems to have waned and we started back to in person meetings We met once a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in the evening at the Winnipeg Winter Club. We had a variety of interesting, informative speakers. Zoom meetings were held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at noon and the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday was a social evening. We continue to evaluate our meeting venues and times to meet the needs of most members.



### **Youth Programs.**

- Exchange Student. We hosted Chicha from Thailand as our exchange student and she will head back home in August 2024. She gave us many reports and had a wonderful time in Canada and made many friends. We wish her all the best as she travels back home and continues school. We hope she will return to see us one day.
- Rotary Adventures in Human Rights held in August We sponsored 3 students to attend
- Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly Camp in July and August Again we sponsored 2
- Model United Nations Assembly held in May, it's 67<sup>th</sup> year with 60 teams. Organizing committee made up of past MUNA participants
- Adventures in Citizenship in May we sponsored one student to attend in Ottawa

### **Community Services**

- Peace Days was held in September with many events organized throughout the month
- Honouring Indigenous Peoples active in responding to needs in our remote Indigenous partner communities with winter clothing, skates, hockey equipment, fishing equipment and books
- Pitikwé Skate Park a new undertaking with a grant of \$5,000 to build new ramps, purchase audio equipment and fund some admissions.
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace – organized a build for 50 beds for Split Lake . sent by road
- Spirit Horse – provided \$5,000 for boxing equipment for indigenous youth

### **World Community Services**

- South Africa We reached our Goal of 1,000 survival gardens.
- Completed the water system in Tawini to lift water up the hill from the spring to a storage tank.
- Supported the Zero2Five project for children with good nutrition.
- Bangladesh – completed the Women and Girls project for education in the Rohyinga Refugee camp
- Democratic Republic of Congo completed the economic empowerment of women and girls project

### **Local supports**

- Willow Place – Holiday giving of hygiene and infant items to the women's shelter
- Oak Table - Satellite club had an evening of entertainment to raise funds for Oak Table and raised over \$3,000
- Rotaractors - both the University of Winnipeg and University of Manitoba clubs are busy and have participated in our Rotary meetings and activities.

All in all it has been a very busy year with support to ongoing programs and activities and identification of new needs and programs to support.



We must remember that Projects ranging from small, localized initiatives to better one’s own community to those that take the world by storm are all part of our Rotary action. All we need is one person to bring the idea to the club with passion and spread the idea to others and other clubs.

Thank you,  
Ronald Reider, President 2023-24

**Board of Directors July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024**

President – Ronald Reider  
President Elect – Frank Cosway  
Past President – Jeannette Brigit  
Secretary – Elly Hoogterp  
Treasurer – Adenola Odunga  
Membership – Nancy Cosway  
Satellite Club Chair – Sonia Weidy

Community Services – Brent Jorowski  
Youth Services – Vacant  
Fund Raising – Vacant  
World Community Services – Strini Reddy  
Public Relations – Ope Allen –Alebiosu  
Board Advisor – Sid Ritter  
Club Services – Jeannette Brigit

**1. MEMBERSHIP**

The club was very pleased to welcome 8 new members during the year and one returning member. There have been other inquiries and some persons have attended our zoom meetings and social events to meet our club members, hear about our programmes and projects to determine if Rotary is a fit for them. We are also very grateful to those who remain “Friends” of Rotary and participate when they are able. All of them bring, skills, talents, enthusiasm and commitment to our Club

Please take time at the meetings to get to know these new members or reach our through our social media to them. WELCOME!



Stephanie Yamniuk



Tracy Troung



Maysoun Darweesh



Peter Imhof





Dwayne Till



David Newman



Tchen Koffi Jocelyn



Jessica Sookermany



Oluwafemi Adebayo

June 30, 2024 our club had 55 Active + 1 Honorary + Satellite - 9 Active.

Members are encouraged to seek out opportunities within the club as a way of contributing their skills and talents as well as developing leadership opportunities.

Paul Harris Award was presented to Frank Cosway. Nancy Cosway received the 2023 Rotarian of the year award.

## 2. COMMUNITY SERVICES

Under Community Services fall the following programs/projects:

- Honoring Indigenous Peoples (HIP)
- Peace Builder Committee
- Reaching out to the Winnipeg Community providing supports

### **2.1 HONORING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE (HIP)**

To promote and further reconciliation efforts particularly among the youth. We are honouring indigenous people by supporting their educational efforts and encouraging all Rotarians to be aware of indigenous issues, history and culture.



A Treaty Acknowledgement statement is read at our meetings:

***“We acknowledge that we are meeting on Traditional Land of the First Nations, Treaty One Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We recognize that the clean water we are drinking is sourced from the Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. We are committed to reconciliation”***



**2.1.1 SUMMER PROGRAMS**

Once again, our Rotary Club provided a variety of sports equipment, board games, craft supplies, etc. to assist our partner communities in keeping the children and youth happily engaged over the summer months. In addition, we continued our partnership with the national literacy organization, United for Literacy, to offer early literacy activities in 5 of the communities. This involved the hiring of 2 staff in each community as well as providing a wide selection of books and materials which were left for the families at the end of the program.

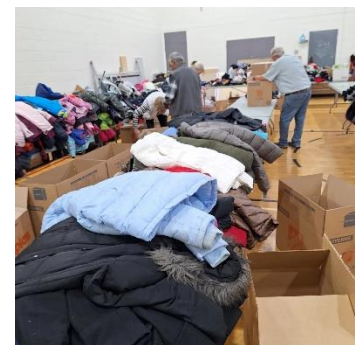
**2.1.2 SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

We continued working in partnership with our friends True North Aid who supplied 5 of our partner communities with backpacks filled with quality school supplies at the beginning of the school year. Throughout the year we work with this excellent organization to assist communities with other supplies like bedding and hygiene products.

**2.1.3 WINTER CLOTHING**



Our annual drive for collecting winter clothing and hockey equipment grows bigger each as the demand continues to increase. We are grateful to our schools who encourage the students to donate generously to this cause. Last fall we shipped over 100 boxes of apparel to 5 different communities. Another community was the recipient of 21 bags of hockey equipment. We also purchased a skate sharpener for the community. A wonderful group of



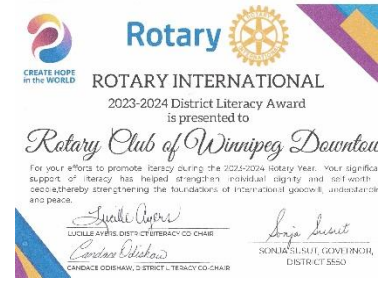
volunteers called “Threads of Hope” have become strong partners in this venture. They make beautiful hats, mitts and scarves to include in the shipment.

In addition, one the communities requested warm socks for the children which we purchased and sent.



**2.1.4 LITERACY**

Part of our literacy initiatives consisted of shipping large quantities of books to 2 more communities for distribution to the students and their families. This was done with the invaluable assistance of Chris Melnick and Share the Magic. We will now begin to focus on assisting our partner communities in their efforts to equip their libraries with up to date indigenous related materials.



A Winnipeg teacher wrote a children’s book on mindfulness called “It Starts with a Breath”. The book was also translated into Anishinaabe and Cree. We purchased and sent multiple copies of the books to the appropriate communities.

**2.1.5 ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCES**

Once again, we sponsored an indigenous high school student to attend the wonderful Rotary Adventure in Citizenship program in Ottawa. As has become our practice, we collaborated with RC Transcona to send a second student to the program.

We also sponsored 2 indigenous students to attend the annual Rotary Adventure in Human Rights.

In addition, we supported HIP national’s youth initiative which brought together indigenous and non-indigenous youth for a week-long learning and sharing experience.

**2.1.6 CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

We have developed a strong partnership with our generous friends at the Johnson Group. For the second year in a row they sponsored the purchase of a huge supply of Christmas gifts for all the children in one of our partner communities.

**2.1.7 SPIRIT NORTH**

We continued to look for partner organizations who are interested in serving northern communities. We have developed a relationship with an organization called Spirit North. We had them go into Split Lake for a week in the winter to help the children develop their skiing skills. We also had them go into Tadoule Lake for a week of sports camps. We had planned for them to go into communities in the summer months to conduct workshops in making and playing indigenous games. Unfortunately, these had to be cancelled due to evacuations because of forest fires or deaths in the community.

**2.1.8 LAND BASED ACTIVITIES**

Many of our partner communities are actively engaged in land based activities and we have tried to support these efforts as best we can. We were able to provide a large quantity of fishing equipment





to one of the communities who wanted to teach as many of the students as possible to fish both to learn the skills as well as to provide food for their families.

### **2.1.9 BUILDING OF BUNK BEDS**

Through offering his services as a volunteer our President Frank Cosway discovered an amazing organization called "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" which builds beds for children in Winnipeg who do not have beds. Beds and bedding have been



one of the greatest needs in our partner communities so we approached the organization to see if they would be interested in helping us build beds for children in remote northern communities. They readily agreed. With financial support from our friends at True North Aid and volunteer assistance from our members as well as Jim Thiessen and the wonderful folks at SIHP we had 50 beds built and shipped to our friends in Split Lake. We are planning a



second build and then we are going to work on finding ways

to make this great opportunity available to our friends in the fly-in communities.

### **2.1.10 NEW COMMUNITY**

During the year we became aware of a young indigenous woman from Keeseekoowenin First Nation who was one of the two MB students who won the 2023-24 annual prestigious Loran scholarship worth \$100,000 for 4 years of university education. She was chosen not only because of her academic prowess but also because of her work in support of children and youth in her community. We connected with her to ask if we could support her efforts in the community which she enthusiastically accepted. We had a wonderful summer of working together to provide summer basketball and baseball camps in her community. We will continue to work together in the future in support of her efforts to promote the well being of the children and youth.

## **2.2 PEACE BUILDER COMMITTEE**

Promotion of peace building activities throughout Winnipeg. The **Rotary Club of Winnipeg Peace Builder Committee** is an inspirer and facilitator of a grassroots movement working together for positive peace locally, nationally and internationally. The Peace Builder Committee is committed to a vision, mission and set of values that encourage, facilitate and inspire peace and goodwill. Website [www.peacedays.ca](http://www.peacedays.ca)



Rotary Peace Walk at the Canada Museum for Human Rights – September 15, 2023 Rotary Peace celebration and walk at the CMHR with a thousand elementary school students. Checkout full story on GlobalNewslink below (includes a pretty cool video): <https://globalnews.ca/news/9964554/winnipeg-students-march-forpeace-at-tenth-annual-elementary-school-peace-walk/>

The Forks Winnipeg sign and Esplanade Riel Bridge lit up in the Rotary colours on September 21<sup>st</sup> in honour of International Day of Peace



During Peace Days, September 13 to 24<sup>th</sup> 14 individual events were held in Partnership with community organizations and the Toastmasters Club.

Peace Days 2023 was an incredible year for promoting peace and understanding in Winnipeg and beyond. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Winnipeg's Peace Builder Committee's tireless efforts, the festival reached new heights:

- Over 1,000 elementary and middle school students took part in the 10th Annual Rotary Elementary School Peace Walk, showing just how much the initiative has grown and how committed we are to involving young people in the peace process.
- From the Walk for Peace during Nuit Blanche to "The F Word: Stories of Forgiveness" at St. Boniface Cathedral, our diverse events brought people from all walks of life together to talk about peace and reconciliation.
- Our webinars on important topics like the Bangladesh Genocide allowed us to reach a global audience and spark meaningful conversations.
- The feedback we received from participants and venue hosts was overwhelmingly positive, emphasizing how our events help people understand peace better and inspire them to make a difference.
- The "In Peace We Develop" event, where we talked about the impact of conflicts in East Africa and why peace and belonging are so important for communities.
- The Youth Nuclear Peace Summit and Public Panel Discussion, which got young people involved in the conversation about a world without nuclear weapons.
- The "Be the Change" event, a celebration of diversity and connection through dance, music, and cultural exchange. The screening of "The Cure for Hate" documentary and the thought-provoking discussion that followed about extremism and the power of compassion.





**2.3 REACHING OUT TO THE WINNIPEG COMMUNITY**

We engage with the wider community during the year, meeting specific need and requests as we are able.

**2.3.1 HOLIDAY GIVING**

Each year the Community Services committee chooses a community program/organization in need of support for our Holiday giving. This choice is made in early October. We supported a women's shelter this holiday season. They had requested lots of items for babies, small children, and women. We received donations and purchased diapers, toiletries, underwear, toys, etc. Thanks to all who donated.



**2.3.3 Raising Funds for Polio Eradication**



Each year we have a campaign to raise funds for Polio Eradication, one of Rotary's largest and most successful endeavour. In October 2023 we held a raffle with 10 wonderful prizes. We again



submitted \$1,500 to the Rotary International Polio campaign. Melbourne Opera house 2023.

**2.3.2 PRIDE Parade**



For the second year in a row, Rotary participated in the Pride Parade on June 2nd. Rotary was showcasing our commitment to "Diversity, Equity & Inclusion". Participants included Rotarians, potential new members and friends. Vickar Ford provided a brand new Vehicle and driver for our banners and supplies. District Governor, Peter Tonge joined in rolling all the way.







**2.3.3 Water Station at the Manitoba Marathon**



This event, held in June, is organized annually by Rotarian John McClellan and his two daughters, Wendy & Shannon who are great organizers. Volunteers included Rotarians, Rotaractors, two new members, and some students.

volunteers.

It is a high energy event with very busy volunteers handing out water and electrolyte replacement drinks to the runners. Thank you to all the

**2.3.4 Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build**

This is a new initiative we have taken on. We are working with the local chapter of the organization Sleep in Heavenly Peace <https://shpbeds.ca/chapter/mb-winnipeg/>

Beds are provided to children in Winnipeg that do not have a bed. This includes the bed frame, mattress, sheets, pillow and blanket. We provided funds to purchase lumber for the beds and assistance for building the bed frames. Our first build was in May for 50 beds going to one of our partner indigenous communities. So 50 children now have a bed to sleep in comfort.



We will be having other builds as the year progresses so watch for notices and sign up. No experience needed and all equipment is provided.





**2.3.5 Habitat for Humanity**

For the third year we have volunteered in August at Habitat for Humanity. Please watch for the notice for our build in 2025 and sign up. No Experience needed.



**2.3.6 Support to Oak Table – Satellite Club**



Friday, January 26th, 2024 - The Satellite Club held a very successful and wonderfully entertaining event. They were raising funds for Oak Table. Thanks to all who attended and participated. Music was by Rotarian Humberto Dantas and the ECCO choir.

Oak Table is a community outreach organization. <https://oaktable.ca/>



The Satellite Rotarians also supported the Oak Table staff by serving the roughly 100 lunch attendees at the shelter and assisted with preparations for an overnight stay for those who needed a bed for the night. This is a project that is needed by both young and old in our community. We had the opportunity to meet a young mom with a 4 month old baby, young men and some elderly folks as



well using the resources provided by the shelter. They were all grateful for the warmth and nourishment provided.

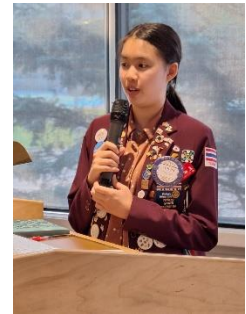
### 3. YOUTH SERVICES

#### 3.1 Youth Exchange Student

Our Rotary Exchange Student, Chicha, pronounced Shisha is from Bangkok Thailand and is attending grade 10 in Dakota High School. Chicha has spent time travelling across the province and participating in Rotary events.



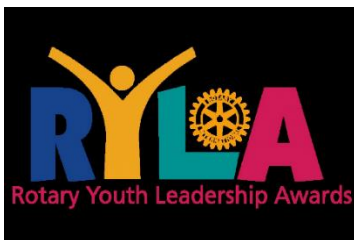
She visited the inbound orientation at the Southport Aerospace Centre, and enjoyed Clearwater Lake in The Pas, MB. As well, Chicha spent time at A Maze in Corn with the Satellite Club for the ShelterBox fundraiser.



She had a wonderful experience and plans to return to Canada one day.



#### 3.2 RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly)



Our Club was able to sponsor several youth to attend both the Junior and senior camp. Presentations were given at a dinner meeting. This was truly an impactful experience for all three youth. They presented their experiences to the club.



Mady Purdy



Eva's Grandsons – Paul and Alex Graham





RYLA activities at the camp at Clear Lake



**3.3 ROTARY ADVENTURES IN CITIZENSHIP**



Our club is always very pleased to send one student to the adventures in Citizenship program held in Ottawa in May for 4 days. This year we partnered with the Transcona Rotary Club so that 2 students from Winnipeg could attend

**3.4 ROTARY ADVENTURES IN HUMAN RIGHTS**

Rotary Adventures in Human Rights, started in 2014. Applicants have to submit an essay about themselves, explaining why they should be part of the program, what they hope to learn, and the impact they want to make in their communities. Twenty two students from across Canada were in Winnipeg in August at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights to learn about human rights, through a program that encourages young people to think about how they can incorporate awareness about those rights in their own communities. Our club sponsored 3 students.





They also visited the Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba and served lunch for community members in Winnipeg's Central Park

**3.5 MUNA (MODEL UNITED NATIONAL ASSEMBLY)**

More than 100 young people (60 teams) attended the Winnipeg Rotary’s 67th Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA), held this year at the Canadian Mennonite University, May 4th – 6th. High school students from across Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Ontario spent time developing plans to combat and mitigate climate change impacts and respond to continuing conflicts in our world.



This year, the 67th Model UN, witnessed student delegates taking on the full



scope of leadership roles at MUNA. The President and table officers of the MUNA are delegates or former delegates and other high school students chair committees. They lead discussions,

build consensus and facilitate small group and informal group decision-making. These are incredible leadership opportunities, and

Rotarians can be thankful that we have such a fine group of young Manitobans interested in issues that affect us all. They can also be proud of the Winnipeg Rotary Club for its on-going support for MUNA. Thanks to our members Elly Hoogterp, Jane Markesteyn and Jerry Storie for their leadership.







**3.6 ROTARACT**



Rotaract clubs at the University of Manitoba and University of Winnipeg are very active. They want to make an impact and have joined in many of the Rotary Club Activities including building and delivering beds, volunteering at Manitoba Harvest, planning and organizing activities at MUNA, attending Rotary Meetings. Check out the newsletter on the Rotary Club website for June 2024 for a full report.

Rotaract !! What an awesome meeting between the University of Manitoba and University of Winnipeg Rotaractors. Brandon U is also going to have a Rotaract Club in the near future and Portage is also trying to organize a Club at Red River College. Enthusiasm, ideas, compassion and commitment by these young adults. They are the future of Rotary !



Rotarian Bagula at the International Rotary Convention in Melbourne

**3.6 ROBOTICS**

The Rotary Club of Winnipeg takes pride in sponsoring a groundbreaking Robotics Program, dedicated to nurturing the budding minds of future trainers, affectionately referred to as facilitators by CanU.



Under the expert guidance of Priyanka Tuteja, Director of Operations & Marketing at Cogmation, these aspiring facilitators are immersing themselves in the dynamic realm of robotics. Held within the confines of room 323 at the Education



Building of the University of Manitoba, this program spanned four enriching Saturday afternoons. Participants not only acquired invaluable skills but also had the opportunity to establish connections with industry professionals, all made possible through the unwavering support of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg.



The culmination of this endeavour took place on Saturday, April 13, 2024, as the newly sponsored CanU Robotics Program Facilitators showcased their newfound knowledge. With great enthusiasm, these facilitators had the privilege of guiding 4th to 6th graders through the intricacies of robotics building and programming. The highlight of the event was witnessing the children engage in practical demonstrations, putting into practice what they had learned in an exciting showcase of creativity and innovation. Cogmation Robotics played a pivotal role in augmenting the physical robotics experience through its Virtual Robotics Toolkit.

**3.7 PITIKWÉ SKATE PARK**

A new Indoor skate park at the old Staples store in Portage place is open in the evening and weekends for youth to learn and practice skateboarding. Our club has donated funds to build some new ramps, purchase some audio equipment and pay for admission for those who cannot afford.







### **3.8 SPIRIT HORSE**

An Indigenous led grassroots organization with a focus on healing through culture, ceremony, pro social community engagement and healthy positive activism. Spirit Horse works with 225 Indigenous youth and employs 28 therapists. We have provided funds so they can complete their boxing area.





## 4. WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICES

Over the past couple of years our club has been the international partner and major financial contributor to three Global Grant projects as follows :

- Female Adolescent Non-Formal Education for Rohingya refugees in one of the refugee camps in Bangladesh. Rtn Kawser Ahmed was our main contact with the project and our in-country Rotary partners.
- Literacy Education for 900 women and girls in South Kivu Province in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Rtn Bagula Rubasha was our main contact with the project and our in-country partners.
- Making an ample supply of clean water more easily accessible to the residents of the remote village of Taweni in the Eastern Cape Province,



**LILY OF THE VALLEY CHILDREN'S VILLAGE**  
**Water Project**  
 Rotary Foundation Global Grant 2094635  
 District 9370 South Africa



**Participating Rotary Clubs**  
 Rotary Club of Hillcrest (District 9370 South Africa)  
 Rotary Club of Winnipeg (District 5550 Canada)  
 Rotary Club of Minneapolis (District 5950 USA)  
 Rotary Club of El Camino Real (District 5340 USA)

South Africa. I was our club's main contact with our South African partner club and the Village Council.

- The total value of these three projects was in excess of USD\$100,000. Our club contribution was USD 30,000 which was matched by our District. The District contribution was matched at 80% by The Rotary Foundation.

- We are currently engaged with another Global Grant project in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, to enhance the ability of women in remote rural villages to grow their own crops for local consumption as well as sale of the excess produce.

**Hippo Roller/Survival Gardens Project** We have reached our goal of 1000 kits by impacting families in four provinces of South Africa. The average size of these families is 7, meaning that our work has benefited close to 7,000 people!

In addition a further 30 hippo rollers were recently supplied in conjunction with our current project jointly funded with MCIC, known as "Beyond subsistence: Moving women and men from dependency to dignity through market gardens in South Africa." Another 120 people impacted.







This is a project which seeks to further entrench the valuable principles of the ongoing "1000 Survival Gardens" project, by providing motivated household leaders in the community of KwaNgcolosi (KwaZulu-Natal province) with the skills to grow food that will not only provide for their families but also the business skills to generate an income through the sales of excess produce in nearby markets.

This project will benefit another 120 people, thanks to our South African local partner, the Deep Rural Group, in coordination with the Rotary Club of Hillcrest.

## 5. PUBLIC RELATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

The newsletter as a major means of communication was published 7 times in the past Rotary year—, October, January, February, March, April, May and June. All newsletters are found on our website. Newsletter editors were Tsungai Muvingi and Femi Adebayo. One of our new members, Ope Allen-Alebiosu has taken on the responsibility for our social media. We do have a Rotary Club Whats app so please join if you have not yet.

Website updates have been completed and are ongoing.

[www.winnipegrotary.org](http://www.winnipegrotary.org)

The following indicates engagement on our social media platforms in the past year:

- Facebook – 624 Likes and 728 followers
- X (Twitter) – 6 posts
- LinkedIn – 87 followers
- Instagram – 1,231 followers
- What’s App – 45 members -1,287 media, links and docs

### Follow Us On Social Media:





## 6. CLUB SERVICES

Throughout the year we have held several “social” events., an opportunity to get to know each other, share ideas and have fun. More photos in section 9 of this report.

Our speakers as suggested by Members have been very informative and educational. Our Zoom meeting speakers are recorded and appear on our You Tube Channel.

Our Meeting place for in-person meetings has been held at the Winnipeg Winter Club on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 6 pm. A notice is sent out before the meeting by our administrator Sandy Allen. On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays we met by Zoom at 12:15 pm. The 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month was usually a social evening. We are always looking for suggestions for this fellowship evening.

Meeting dates, venue and programs are found on our website, communicated by text and What’s App.

## 7. A YEAR OF FELLOWSHIP IN PHOTOS

**JULY** - An evening of fun at the Golf dome with several youth who attended the Rotary Leadership Circle





**AUGUST**

Several social events, participating in our Habitat for Humanity Build, youth attending the Rotary Adventures in Human Rights program







Picnic in Central Park – RAHR



RAHR Students Reception with the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, Honourable Anita Neville

We enjoyed Folklorama and dinner at the Downs – Ron Reider was the big winner



Support to the City of Winnipeg for a newcomer and indigenous youth swimming and picnic at Kildonan Park. We supplied the BBQ, Hot dogs and water. .About 300 attended.





**SEPTEMBER**

Rotarian Alistair Carmichael of the Rotary Club of Larne, Northern Ireland was here for the Invictus Games and visited our Club.



**OCTOBER**

Satellite club was at the Maze in Corn raising funds for Shelter Box



Always feels good to finish packing the clothes to send North



**NOVEMBER**



We celebrated our club anniversary with Indian food and a presentation to the Rotarian of the Year Award to Rotarian Nancy Cosway.



**DECEMBER**

Let's be visible when we are working in the community

Our Annual General Meeting.







**JANUARY**

Our new partnership with “Sleep in Heavenly Peace”. Frank participated in a bed build. Satellite club members Humberto, Isa, and children Louise and Olivia received their Canadian Citizenship



Raising funds for Oak Table with music by the ECCO Choir



**FEBRUARY**

Bagula attending an ECOSOC meeting at the United Nations Entertaining meeting with Rotaractors and our dinner meetings



**MARCH**

Bowling, Presentation on Cybersecurity by Ope







**APRIL**

We enjoy our dinner meetings and conversations. Frank and Ope at the Training session in Russell







**MAY**

Evening of fun at Boston Pizza raising funds for our Habitat Build



Humankind Dinner





Rotary District Conference in Moose Jaw



JUNE

Rotary International Convention 2023 in Melbourne Australia. Evening meeting with MUNA organizers, Satellite Club raising funds for the flood in Brazil at a garage sale and at the ball game



<b>Rotary Club of Winnipeg Active projects in 2023-24</b>			
	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Description of Project</b>	<b>Project Champion</b>
<b>YOUTH PROJECTS/PROGRAMS</b>			
1	Rotary Adventures in Canadian Citizenship	200 senior high school students from across Canada have a 4 day trip to Ottawa to meet politicians and see the capital. Has been on Line in 2021 and 2022. Our club sponsors one student	Strini Reddy
2	Rotary Adventures in Human Rights	Expose 20 youth leaders to Human Right issues in collaboration with the Canadian Museum for Human Rights for a 6 day program in Winnipeg. Our Club will sponsor 3 students in 2022	Rob Tisdale / Juhi Joshi/ Taiser Sharief
3	RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly)	To encourage, assist and train selected youth to become responsible citizens and develop new leadership skills selected by clubs within District 5550. Held in August with two age groups	Jorrel Camuyong
4	MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly)	Global citizenship, consensus-building and negotiation skills for high school students. Held in Winnipeg in April for 3 days with students from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Northern Ontario and the USA	Jerry Storie/ students as organising committee
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>			
5	Frontier College Literacy Program	Aboriginal Literacy Camp programs in Manitoba with several in Winnipeg, Held during July and August	Handled by the HIP committee
6	Peace Days	Peace Days is a space that's been created to promote and inspire understanding, goodwill and compassion locally, nationally, and internationally, it supports and motivates people who want a culture of peace and compassion Held in September	Handled by the Peace Builders Committee, Brent Jorowski/Gary Sneft
7	HIP (Honouring Indigenous Peoples)	Working together with at least 10 northern and remote communities in Manitoba to promote literacy and foster reconciliation. Collectio of Books, Sports equipment, winter clothing	Handled by the HIP Committee,
8	Christmas/Holiday Giving	Each October a holiday giving project is selected. Members are asked to become involved	Jeannette Brigit
9	Polio Plus	This is the End Polio Now Campaign in October each year to raise funds for polio vaccine around the world.	
<b>WORLD SERVICES</b>			
10	Survival Gardens/Hippo Roller	Provision of water carrier, garden tools, seeds, fertilizer and instructions. Women can grow food to sustain themselves and their family	Strini Reddy
11	Beyond Subsistence (South Africa)	Similar to the Surval Gradens but ina differn area of South Africa	Strini Reddy
12	Dabaab Refugee Fund	Elementary education in the refugee camp	Strini Reddy
<b>COMMUNITY SUPPORT</b>			
13	Pitikwe Skate Park	Funds provided for ramps and audio equipment, opportunities to volunteer	Frank/Nancy Cosway
14	Sleep in Heavenly Peace	Building beds for children in need and indigenous communities	Frank Cosway/Strini Reddy
14	Spirit Horse	Support to vulnerable youth who have had legal issues	Frank Cosway