

Wenatchee Rotary Awards New Grants

The Community Outreach committee of Wenatchee Rotary met recently to review the applications that had been submitted during this second cycle of grant funding. Our committee is operating with a yearly \$15,000 budget, which we have split into four funding cycles. This money was approved by our board and is money raised through our January 2017 auction.

We are pleased to announce our Wenatchee Rotary support for the following groups in their efforts to make a positive impact in our community.

1) 2nd Harvest Food Bank - \$1,000 - We will join our two other local Wenatchee Rotary clubs in sponsoring a 2nd Harvest Food Bank truck visit to our valley. Jim Adamson, from Sunrise Rotary, is the lead in this project with us helping in the leadership, funding, and joy that comes with the distribution of the food to those in need.

2) North Central Education Foundation – \$1000 - Wenatchee Rotary is joining with other community groups, such as the Community Foundation, Confluence Health, Foothills Land Trust, and North Cascades Bank, in providing funds to the NCE Foundations Classroom Grant program. This program provides grants to classrooms throughout our area. The grants are to creative and innovative teachers. These innovative grants are small, \$300, but are awarded on the basis that they are sustainable and that they can be replicated/shared with other teachers. In 2017, the NCE Foundation was able to award 95 grants, leaving 45 others that remained unfunded.

3) Foothills Middle School Robotics Program - \$1000 - Wenatchee Rotary is sponsoring a robotics team from Foothills Middle School as they compete in the VEX World Championship Competition, the largest robotics competition in the world. This opportunity provides students the chance to interact with 1,500 elite teams from over 42 countries. This year FMS anticipates 2-4 of their teams will qualify. Wenatchee Rotary can be proud to be a supporter of the power of international experiences as they shape the lives of young people. VEX World Championship represents yet another way to provide powerful cross-cultural interactions for our local students.

The Community Outreach committee urges you to engage others in our Rotary Grants program by encouraging them to submit grant applications. All of our grant paperwork can be found on our Club's Homepage with complete directions for submitting the applications. Our third cycle of funding runs from February 1 until March 15.

Having fun in Rotary,
Joe St.Jean