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ABOUT ROTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE

Rotary Community Service (RCS) Committees work throughout the year to seek and fund projects and support charities and individuals in need. More than 80 grants and scholarships were given this year. We are so thankful for the hundreds of volunteer hours our members committed to seeing these funds make a difference in the lives of so many.

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Donor Recognition

Rotary Community Service grants are made possible by the generosity of Rotary Club 21's members. Thank you to the Rotarians below who donated to the 2022-2023 Rotary Community Service Campaign to help Rotary continue to make our community and world a better place!

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The Rotary Spokane Foundation Legacy Club members have endowed their RCS annual gift through the Foundation, and we recognize these generous donors, both active and *deceased, as being truly exceptional.

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COMMITTEE SPENDING

Community Impact Committee (formerly Civic Affairs Committee)

Budget \$45,500 - Grants Given \$46,547***

The Civic Affairs committee provided grant awards to 17 different community service organizations where the average award was \$2,738. Highlights include 300 free youth bike helmets distributed at Unity in the Community, “Sun Shine Through” for the concrete work to place a community-built sculpture in the N. Monroe Business District, back-up generator for Serve Spokane, log splitter and chainsaws for Reclaim Project, phone system upgrade for Christ Kitchen, 50 new bedding sets for Spokane Helpers Network, weekend food kits for students at Stevens Elementary that help reduce the anxiety of food insecurity.

Disability Services Committee

Budget \$25,000 - Grants Given \$23,796*

The Disability Services committee participated in awarding grants to 11 different recipients including a van lift that kept a disabled gentleman working and a ramp for a home allowing safe access. These two projects resulted in leveraging another \$9,015 from community partners. We continue to provide tricycles and tracked wheelchairs for young people to keep them enjoying the outdoors.

Foster KidFest Committee

Budget \$4,200 - Grants Given \$4,264.50*

The Foster KidFest Committee hosted its 14th event celebrating children in foster care and has helped 65 children find their forever family. That’s an adoption rate of over 50% in the history of Foster KidFest. Many of these kids proclaim it to be the best night of their lives. KidFest also contributed funds for a grant to provide a weekly dinner at a homeless shelter for young adults (ages 17-24). 80-90% of the individuals served were youth who had aged out of the foster system and were struggling to make ends meet with no family support system.

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International Services Committee

Budget \$35,000 - Grants Given & Committed \$35,000

Impact from grant funds leveraged from the given grants ~ \$ 100,000

The International Services Committee supported 12 grant projects this Rotary year in 10 different countries including four projects focused on providing clean drinking water. Countries projects where conducted include: Nepal, Kenya, Ukraine, Belize, Turkey, Syria, Peru, Thailand, Haiti, Ecuador.

Youth Services Committee

Budget \$45,000 - Grants Given \$46,627*

The Youth Services Committee awarded 20 grants to community organizations to improve the lives of youth in our community. Grants included support for programs involving childhood hunger, urban native youth, youth job internships, youth clothing, Rotaract, childhood cancer, refugees, early learning, youth sports, and youth leadership. The committee also made cash awards to four emerging artists in drama, singing, and the visual arts.

Support Our Veterans Committee

Budget \$10,000 - Grants Given \$13,068.30***

The Support Our Veterans committee awarded 12 grants to community organizations including support to for Music as Therapy for Veterans with PTSD (CreatiVets), supporting veterans career transitions into vital agricultural jobs essential for food security (Vets on the Farm), essential upgrades to a retreat center focused on military families dealing with severe crisis (Hero's Homestead), and providing necessities & essential household items to Veterans, active military & their families during the holidays (Newby-Ginnings Christmas Program, 2 families sponsored).

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Vaccinations Committee

Budget \$2,500 - Grants Given \$895.06

The Vaccinations Committee served at three separate clinics, two of them traditional school clinics and the third a special event serving the Slavic community including many Ukrainian refugees. The latter was also done in partnership with the International Services committee. At each clinic we provided snacks, games, art projects, created a welcoming atmosphere, and organized to make the clinics run smoothly. Toward the end of the year, we met with Dr. Gretchen LaSalle and Kari Lidbeck of SRHD to learn about the post-Covid environment for vaccine resistance, with a view to having another media campaign. This year we also maintained our vaccinefacts4u.com website that provides medically underserved parents answers to common questions about vaccines.

Vocational Services Committee

Budget \$15,340 - Grants Given \$23,400.29*

The Vocational Services Committee honored 14 students with awards and recognition during meetings this Rotary year. Seven of these students were awarded additional scholarships to continue their education at the school of their choosing to be used within the next two years. Two generous club members stepped up with additional funds for these scholarships. The committee also selected four students to receive the Katy Reeves Performing Arts Scholarships.



*Grants exceeding committee budget were given through the support of unused budgets of other committees.

**Committee received additional grant funds from matching District or Rotary International Grants.