

Edina Morningside Rotary Club Foundation



Each year the Edina Morningside Rotary Foundation makes grants to both local and international organizations as well as sponsoring its own philanthropic programs. The foundation is an arm of the Edina Morningside Rotary, whose members serve to raise funds through several annual events. Many of the clubs members also volunteer their time to the groups below. Here is the 2018 list of local grant recipients:

Local Grants



Edina ABC - "A Better Chance" was established in 1972 to provide low income, academically talented youth of color in low performing schools with an opportunity to attend high school in an environment that is conducive to learning. The goal is to substantially increase the number of well-educated young people of color who are capable of assuming positions of responsibility and leadership in American society.



Bridging - Bridging assists 13,000 individuals annually, by providing essential furnishings and housewares that transforms a house into a home. Bridging aids those with demonstrated need by furnishing their homes with basic items such as beds to sleep in, tables and chairs to eat at, dressers to store clothing, towels to bathe with, and kitchen items needed to make and serve meals.



Edina Ed Fund – Edina Public Schools is continuing the renovation of the media centers in all nine schools to include this new creative learning space for students to collaborate on projects ranging from programming robots, to building models of homes, to working with clay, to sewing machines and circuit boards.



Edina Community Foundation- The Edina Community Foundation fulfills its mission in part by serving as the charitable giving partner for over 50 independent community organizations. This role involves providing: Nonprofit and tax exempt organization filings, Development services, Operational services, Insurance coverage, and Year-end reporting.



Help At Your Door is a nonprofit serving seniors and individuals with disabilities across Minnesota's seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area.



Matter - a nonprofit on a mission to expand access to health and food, next door and around the world. This grant allowed Edina Morningside Rotary members and other rotary members the

opportunity to engage with our Companies that Matter 'Twin Cities MATTERbox Madness which gave companies/organizations the opportunity to pack MATTERboxes for individuals and families in the Twin Cities community.



Oasis for Youth – Oasis for Youth provides services to youth facing homelessness at our Drop-In Center located in Bloomington, at the high schools and alternative learning programs in Edina, Bloomington and Richfield and through street-outreach that provides mobile access to all Oasis services. At the Drop-In Center, youth have access to computers, showers, laundry, food, personal care items, clothing, bus tokens, county and state benefits navigation, vital documents, educational assistance, employment search and support, emergency assistance and individualized case management.



Senior Community Services – Providing services to the senior population supports developing a healthy and livable community for all ages. The HOME Program is a resource to support the senior population of Edina. The Program connects seniors to the community through volunteer groups to help deliver services to the senior residents of Edina. An added benefit of partnering with the HOME program is that we help to keep up the housing stock in Edina.



The vision of **TreeHouse** is to reach every at-risk teen so they are loved, feel hope and realize life transformation. To accomplish this vision we seek to fulfill our mission to bring living hope to hurting youth and families leading to life transformation.



VEAP – Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People - VEAP adopted a Healthy Foods Policy which supports our commitment to providing high quality and nutritious food to our clients. For VEAP clients, cost is the biggest barrier to eating healthy foods, like fruits and vegetables.



Volunteers of America - Senior Nutrition of Volunteers of America ensures that elders within our service territory have access to highly nutritious, healthy, culturally and diet appropriate meals. They also reduce isolation for older adults to enhance quality of life and alleviate the risk of hunger for the most fragile older adults in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area and help seniors avoid a decision between food or medication.



Founded in 1965, **Voyageurs National Park Association** represents a community of people committed to the future of Voyageurs. As an independent charitable organization, we work with the National Park Service to support recreation and conservation projects, enhance education and public engagement, and protect the wild nature of the park for future generations



Southdale Y – Intervention Services program helps young people (up to age 23) who are facing challenges related to foster care, involvement with the juvenile justice system or homelessness. With funds received through EMRC the Southdale YMCA Intervention Program help to provide the necessary essentials to young adults who are struggling to survive in the community.



Youth Frontiers' mission is to partner with schools to build positive school communities where students thrive socially, emotionally and academically by changing the way kids treat each other in every hallway, lunch line and classroom in America. A positive school climate is associated with academic achievement, effective risk prevention and positive youth development.

Together, we provided 300 students and educators a full day to connect and reflect on the role their actions and words play in impacting their school community.



Youth Impact Racing - Fix it. Race it. Live it. Youth Impact Racing reaches young people by teaching them the value of responsibility, friendship, and teamwork. Provide the equipment necessary for instruction/mentorship to take place. Everything is focused around the RC cars. The program provides a

team of 12 adult and high school leaders weekly in addition to opportunities for parents to participate.

Fundraising

Our fundraising efforts include a **Golf Tournament, Beer Tasting event, Spring Plant sale, Holiday Poinsettia sale, Happy Bucks** and various special fund-a-need occasions for things like disaster relief and new community initiatives.



International Grants

- ✓ **Western Honduras** – water sanitation and hygiene provided to villages that currently do not have clean water
- ✓ **Makongoro School in Tanzania** – Bathroom project
- ✓ **Heshima Children's Center** – providing dignity for disabled children
- ✓ **Sunrise Rotary Uganda Project** – chicken coop micro economic project to teach women to provide eggs to feed their families and sell
- ✓ **Honduras** - feminine hygiene packets provided to help girls stay in school

Club Projects

- ✓ **Camp Enterprise** – leadership training weekend for area high school students
- ✓ **Youth Exchange** – 4 outbound high school students & 3 inbound students
- ✓ **STRIVE** at Edina High School – a tutoring/mentoring program
- ✓ **Junior Police** for 3rd graders in local schools in partnership with Edina Police
- ✓ **VEAP Backpacks** – weekend nutrition for students in local schools for top performance
- ✓ **Thanksgiving Baskets** – baskets assembled and delivered to Edina families in need
- ✓ **Warm Hands, Heads, Hearts** – providing hats & gloves to children throughout the state
- ✓ **Ethics Day** – a lunch with a keynote speaker to teach ethics to local high school students
- ✓ **Veterans' Day** – a luncheon to honor and thank our many local vets
- ✓ **Southdale Y Rotary Room** – room available for the use of any community group
- ✓ **Fairview Southdale Emergency Room** – Rotary multi-club grant for the new expansion
- ✓ **Polio Plus** – a Rotary wide effort to eradicate Polio from the face of the earth
- ✓ **Tree Planting** – a District 5950 project to plant a tree for every Rotarian
- ✓ **Opioid Abuse** – working with other Rotary clubs to raise awareness and support

Thank you for being the inspiration!



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