

Caring About Kids & Community Since 1990

Schaumburg A.M. Rotary's top priorities are youth development and education. We also support community based social service programs that address the well-being of children, families and individuals facing challenges related to abuse, poverty, hunger, and literacy. Together we share a sense of purpose as we work to improve the lives of others and to better our community, both here at home and around the world.

Towards that end and through the generous support of donors who participated in our club's fundraising events, our members have invested more than \$475,000 back into our community in the following areas –

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

- ❖ A \$10,000 donation to the School District 54 Education Foundation's [Food 4 Thought](#) program that provided breakfast for one year for Lakeview Elementary School students needing nutritional assistance so they begin their school day ready to learn, grow and thrive
- ❖ Since 2011 we have donated more than 900 new winter coats - sourced through [Operation Warm](#) - to at-risk students in need from low income families that utilize child care and education services provided by the [Marletta Darnall Schaumburg Child + Family Center](#).
- ❖ Since 2016 we have provided 90 new backpacks filled with school supplies to children affected by domestic violence who temporarily reside with a family member in transitional or safe housing provided by [WINGS](#).
- ❖ Founding involvement in and ongoing member support of the [Twp High School District 211 Foundation's IncubatorEDU entrepreneurial program](#)
- ❖ Support student literacy improvement and garden club initiatives at Winston Churchill Elementary School

YOUTH CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

- ❖ Sponsor local high school student participation in Rotary Dist. 6440's annual [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#) program
- ❖ Support [Boy Scouts of America Pathfinder District](#) (serving Schaumburg, Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates & Hanover Park) programming since 1998 for both Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA that features fun, hands-on learning and achievement, responsibility, service and community engagement, in addition to building character and preparing today's youth to be tomorrow's leaders
- ❖ Sponsor of the Interact Club of Robert Frost Jr. High School since its inception in 2014
- ❖ Co-sponsor of the Rotaract Club at Harper College
[Interact](#) (students ages 12 - 18) and [Rotaract](#) (students & young professionals ages 18 - 30) are club member lead and driven programs of [Rotary International](#), designed to introduce younger generations to the concepts of volunteerism and community service, in addition to fostering leadership skills.

VOCATIONAL & TRADE SCHOOL EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

- ❖ Provide up to \$5,000 **annually** in scholarship assistance to those demonstrating financial need that supports vocational and technical education and training that improves lives by preparing individuals for better employment opportunities and increased earnings potential
- ❖ Rotary Foundation Global Grant partner supporting the [ACE \(Advancing Community Economics\) initiative at Harper College](#). This program provides vocational training assistance to underemployed and unemployed adults 24 years of age and older who demonstrate financial need. The ACE program has identified a need to strengthen and prepare workers for in-demand local jobs in the areas of manufacturing, maintenance technology, healthcare and food service management.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

- ❖ On-going support for the [Schaumburg Township Food Pantry](#) that serves food-insecure individuals and families residing in Schaumburg plus six other northwest suburban communities. This pantry assists 650+ families each month. Recognizing the sudden and adverse economic impact of the COVID-19 public health crisis, the club donated \$1,000 to this pantry, which was matched by a \$1,000 contribution from the Rotary Dist. 6440 Foundation, for a total of \$2,000 dedicated to filling immediate needs for food assistance arising from this pandemic.
- ❖ Perform interior painting and landscape work for the benefit of a [WINGS](#) safe house
- ❖ Holiday party sponsor for abused children and families utilizing services provided by the [Children's Advocacy Center](#)
- ❖ Donated 20 "comfort cases" filled with basic need and personal care items such as new blankets, books, pajamas and toiletries to the Barrington based "[Let It Be Us](#)" non-profit organization, dedicated to the adoption and education of children within the Illinois foster care system
- ❖ Donated needed items and assembled care packages sent to individuals fighting cancer at Roselle based [Phil's Friends](#)
- ❖ Support senior citizens through fall yard clean-up for those living at home but needing assistance, holiday decorating for Friendship Village residents, serving food to participating seniors attending Schaumburg Township sponsored Thanksgiving Dinner and Mother's Day Tea events

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS

- ❖ Support the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) which is a public-private partnership led by national governments with five core partners - the World Health Organization (WHO), [Rotary International](#), the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Polio mainly affects children under age 5 with the disease still being reported in Afghanistan and Pakistan.
- ❖ Donated funds to build an outdoor basketball court for an elementary school in Belmopan, Belize
- ❖ Participation in the November 2017 District 6440 [Rotary Friendship Exchange](#) trip to Taiwan
- ❖ [Rotary Foundation Global Grant](#) partner providing after-school academic counseling programs for at-risk students attending Da Dau Jr. High School in the Da-Du District of Taichung City, Taiwan
- ❖ Participate in meal packing events at Schaumburg's [Feed My Starving Children](#) facility, whose goal is to reverse and prevent undernutrition, in addition to delivering hope and breaking the cycle of poverty around the world.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & CLUB RECOGNITION

- ❖ Sponsor of and participant in the annual Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates Community Memorial Day Observance since 2008
- ❖ Named Schaumburg's April 2018 Business of the Month
- ❖ Club members individually serve on the boards of local non-profit organizations and foundations, in addition to serving on local library district and municipal government boards, committees and commissions by election or appointment.