Dear SRSF Supporters,

It has been an honor to serve as the 2016/2017 President of the Seattle Rotary Service Foundation. This past year has been a year with formidable challenges. Nonetheless, my fellow trustees have shown unwavering dedication. In return, we are privileged to see the meaningful impact we have on the global community.

Here are some highlights of this year’s accomplishments with your support:

- Successful fundraising campaign: $238,923
- Average gift of $707 with 90% participation from club members
- Club service committee and district project grants of $165,000 disbursed in 2017-2018 year
- Awarded three innovative grants totaling $59,309.
- Received unsolicited grant of $75,000 from the Bakken family for added Winners for Life Scholarships

The trustees are grateful to Carma McKay for helping us manage through the transitions. Also, a special thanks are in order to Michael Troyer for heading our annual campaign. And to Sandy Kemp for guiding us through the IRS audit with aplomb.

The board of trustees continues to evolve. Jim Moore, Mike Colbrese, Robin Pasquarella, and Bill Fetterley have completed their terms as trustees. Four new trustees have been elected: Gerry Adams, Jean Seidler Thompson, Tom Mesaros, and Trish Bostrom. We are also grateful to Kathy Williams, Jeff Borek, Sandy Kemp, and Susie Roe for making up the new leadership team. And to Lauren Domino, Candy Lee, Burr Stewart, Lynn Lindsay, Jann Curley, Jerilyn Brusseau, and Don Murphy for their continued commitment to service.

Despite these extraordinary times, the trustees and I are optimistic about the future. Your generosity allows us to continue Rotary’s service in the local and global communities. Many thanks for your faithful support.

Cindy L. Runger
SRSF President, 2016-2017

Note: These numbers are based on our actual disbursements and our approved budgeted grants.
**Street Bean Coffee Roasters**

SRSF’s major grant supported the building of Street Bean’s second location. An offshoot of New Horizon’s—a Seattle based youth homelessness resource group—Street Bean’s expansion in the Food Bank building in the University District (U-District) extended opportunities for homeless youth to get off the streets and into gainful employment. The U-District is a location where homeless young people often congregate. Social services in the U-District form a tight-knit community that often collaborates. While New Horizons has maintained a productive relationship with these organizations, Street Bean now has a direct influence in that community.

This network partnership also exists within the building itself. The U-District Food Bank, Low Income Housing Institute, and Youth Care are all in the same location. Youth Care houses several youth on the top floor of the building. Housing occupants of Youth Care can apply to the apprenticeship program at Street Bean. Therefore, an individual could receive assistance from the Food Bank, case management at Youth Care, and job training from Street Bean.

**Major Grant Ceremonies**

**Edward Thomas House**

A grant from SRSF converted existing space to exam rooms for patient care and interviews. Edward Thomas House Medical Respite provides beds for homeless men and women with complex medical needs and a high incidence of chemical dependency and/or mental health diagnoses. As a result of their work, intervention care is improved and unnecessary costs are avoided. They are the first in the State of Washington to collaborate in this way.

**Bastyr University Teaching Greenhouse**

This Greenhouse is a “living classroom,” providing education and resources for both Bastyr’s students and the public in general. It is also the home of the Sacred Seeds Project which is part of a world-wide project designed to preserve diverse ecosystems and indigenous plant knowledge. The Sacred Seeds Project has now joined forces with the United Plant Saver’s organization to further develop these sanctuaries around the world.
Music4Life acquires “lovingly used” musical instruments from adults who no longer need them, gets them repaired and ready-to-play, and then provides them to participating schools and school districts for use by students in need. The instruments are provided on a long-term loan basis, but remain the property of Music4Life for use by future students who need them.

5th Ave Theater Rising Star Project ~ $4,400

The Rising Star Project-Empowering Young Artists Initiative addresses barriers that prevent teens from participating in musical theater programs. Students participated in a series of nine tuition-free musical theater workshops. Sessions focus on building a portfolio (including professional headshots), musical theater skills (e.g., dance, voice, acting), and auditioning skills. The project helps position students to be cast in the Rising Star Project, their high school musical, and other theater performances.

ArtsWest Summer Theater Camp ~ $2,500

ArtsWest’s Summer Theater Education Program is comprised of four separate summer programs divided by school age. Eighty-eight youth ages 8 to 18 participated in professional preparation courses culminating in skilled rehearsals and performances. This program provided students with an enhanced understanding of life skills: respect for others, self-respect, responsibility, how to build and maintain relationships, and how to work within a community. It also enabled participants to take their skills back to their respective communities to share in the creative processes of presenting and producing theater productions.

Business Mentors Program ~ $6,250

Undergraduate student teams provide 400-600 hours of consulting services to minority and women owned business and small businesses in low- and moderate-income communities. To date, more than 1,200 students and 300 businesses have been through this program.

UW Foster School Business Mentors Program ~ $2,500

This provides Seattle 4 an opportunity to coach business students as they help companies in under-served communities grow. Each year, 20+ Seattle Rotary Mentors, 40+ alumni, and 85+ business students provide nearly 10K hours of consulting services to 14+ companies in under-served communities. Since 1995, this work has led to more than $113 million in new revenues and the creation/retention of nearly 100,000 jobs in economically distressed communities.
**Business Mentors Program continued**

**Rotary Lunch for Business Mentors Program ~ $1,750**

Students and staff from the UW Foster School of Business attend a Rotary Club of Seattle Luncheon as an annual tradition of Seattle 4. Members of Seattle 4 mentor students at the UW Foster School of Business to help grow companies in under-served communities. It highlights the impact that Seattle 4 members are providing to business growth and student learning and provides greater exposure to both business professionals and students about the Rotary Club of Seattle.

**Rotary Business Mentors Scholarships ~ $2,000**

Since 1995 Seattle Rotarians have been mentoring UW Foster School of Business students in their work to grow small business in under-served communities. More than 1,200 business students have benefited from the mentoring they have received. Additionally, four scholarships at $500 each are awarded for the academic year to UW Foster School of Business students.

**Community Service ~ $30,300**

Mission: To promote community service and to create projects for club members to respond to community needs, particularly for youth, education and the homeless. We typically embark on projects right here in Seattle, where we can “get our hands dirty” and create a direct connection with the community. ~ Erin Welch, chair

**Beds for Homeless Families at Wellspring ~ $1,800**

SRSF funding provided the purchase and delivery of brand new beds for the children and families Wellspring serves. The grant was leveraged with additional support from seven partner Rotary clubs and approved for matching funding from Rotary District 5030. The total grant investment was $15,400.

“It is so basic but my kids needed somewhere comfortable to rest so they could focus on school and not be falling asleep in class, now their grades are where they should be and a lot of it has to do with sleeping.”

- Mom & teenage son

**Master Home Environmentalist Asthma Home Visiting Program ~ $2,500**

Through SRSF’s support, the Master Home Environmentalist Asthma Home Visiting program distributed dust mite pillowcase covers to 100 asthmatic children. This “Pillowcase Project” reached four high-need schools: West Seattle Elementary, Aki Kurose Middle School, Rainier View Elementary, and Olympic Hills Elementary.

Each pillowcase “packet” distributed to students included information about the Asthma Home Visit program. It also came with encouragement for parents/guardians to schedule a “Healthy Home Check-up”—an assessment of their home environment and recommendations for how to reduce asthma triggers. Healthy Home Check-ups families also receive dust mite mattress protectors, as well as a “green cleaning kit”, and either a dehumidifier, vacuum, or HEPA filter depending on need.
Mentoring the Next Generation of Leaders ~ $2,000

This was a cross-committee project between the Rotary Boys & Girls Club Committee and the Community Service Committee. The goal of this project funding was to mentor the next generation of community leaders to become involved in the community by volunteering their time and services, and provide necessities for 10 additional disadvantaged children.

The SRSF grant allowed eight Rotaract and two college-student volunteers to participate with Seattle 4 and the Rotary Boys & Girls Club. This was a turning point for many of the young volunteers, encouraging them to participate further in various community service projects throughout the year.

Rotarian volunteers donated their own money and accompanied homeless and needy children to shop during the holiday season. Typically, the $200 per-child budget purchases necessities, including winter coats and shoes. Forty children were served this year.

Plymouth Housing Group Tenant “Feel Better” Fair ~ $5,000

Tenants benefit by gaining access to health-related services and activities that are normally unavailable to them due to income and/or insurance restrictions, mobility challenges, mental health challenges, and histories of trauma. This grant served 80 formerly homeless adults. Many of our tenants (particularly those who are within their first few years out of homelessness) suffer from untreated illnesses because of a lack of access to medical services.

For a cost of less than $63 per person, tenants receive services and first aid kits that may well save them a trip to the emergency room.

Volunteer Management Software for NW Harvest ~ $16,000

Volunteers provide 40% of the NW Harvest workforce. Last year 104,818 volunteer hours supported the efforts of 75 full-time staff. The SRSF grant replaced an outdated volunteer log-in software with a system to help expand the volunteer corps; improve volunteer access to system registration, confirmation and information; and better utilize staff time now spent on data reentry.

Provides broad-based support to enhance the education and well being of all youth in our community through three areas of focus: Education of Rotary member; Service to the School Community; and Recognition of Students and Teachers. With education and youth among the highest service priorities of this club, members have the opportunity to provide leadership and support where it really matters. ~ Ben Linford and Janice Winemiller, co-chairs

Dictionaries for Low Income 3rd Graders ~ $6,000

Each year Rotary clubs throughout the US purchase and provide dictionaries to third grade students. Seattle 4 has participated in this program for the last seven years. Last year SRSF’s $6,000 grant purchased 596 dictionaries. Schools with the highest percentage of children on the free/reduced lunch program were selected. Inside the front cover of each dictionary is a bookplate that includes Rotary’s 4 Way Test. For many of the students it is the first book they have ever owned. (Note: Funding came from two committees, Education and Community Service.)
The Rotary Club of Seattle honors high school students who have shown exceptional character in overcoming significant obstacles to remain in school. Poverty, homelessness, substance abuse, domestic violence, teen pregnancy, language and learning disabilities are just some of the challenges these amazing kids have surmounted. These remarkable students are quietly building bright futures in difficult circumstances. They are our “WINNERS FOR LIFE.”

Eight - 1st year scholarships, plus three - 2nd year scholarships were awarded. Additionally, with carry-over funds, two additional students attending the Maritime Academy (in connection with Rotarian Jon Hraber) were sponsored. These scholarships helped make higher education a possibility for talented students who might not have otherwise had a chance. Over 40 Rotarians were involved in hosting Winners for Life at the reception/lunch and with the scholarship interview process.

**International Service $51,200**

Serves to fulfill Rotary’s mission of "advancing international understanding, goodwill, and peace." Committee selects projects that positively impact the health, education and welfare of less advantaged people in other countries. Actively works with clubs in our District and abroad to leverage — via matching grants — the amount of money available for a project. Members get involved through direct knowledge of the project or by volunteering.

~ Jennifer Porto and Jean Seidler Thompson, co-chairs

**Empowering Local Women to be Community Health Leaders -Saavedra Bolivia ~ $5,000**

This joint effort allowed for 1329 people to have access to basic health care that previously had none or little in their community.

In August of 2016 this project began in coordination between the local Health Network who would help with education materials and a contract between the municipality who would provide transportation for the participants and the implementing organization, Etta Projects. Community meetings were held in each community and Health Promoters (HPs) were selected. Each community hosted the trainings. Coordination with the closest health clinic was established so that health personnel could attend and participate with the promoters.
Sahar Education Afghanistan - Early Marriage Prevention Initiative ~ $7,200

“I cannot summarize the impacts of this program in limited words because this program was very effective. I think, it was the first program conducted for Afghan girls rights. Before this, there was not any program talking about Early Marriage for the girls. I can certainly say that all the participants learned many useful things from the 12 sessions. We learned how to fight against early marriage. My message to other girls who participated in the program is to retell and spread the lessons learned and issues discussed here to other women and girls - including about human rights and our own rights not to marry early. This gives more opportunities for a brighter future.” - Raihana, one of the participants of the Early Marriage Prevention Program.

The SRSF grant was leveraged into larger support with grants from the Washington Women’s Foundation, the Seattle Foundation, and the Global Giving web based platform.

The project served 250 girls in Dawlatabad district, Balkh Province, Northern Afghanistan. Watch the program video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KpNYkgU-bH0

Mansa Malaria Zambia ~ $5,500

The Mansa Malaria Project (Zambia) involves the provision of mosquito bed nets to five boarding schools and a prison in Mansa District. The Mansa Rotary Club is working with these institutions in hanging the bed nets properly, as well as to educate the students and prisoners in malaria prevention.

Ethiopian Water Rehab ~ $5,000

This project is dedicated to the two successful large water projects that have served multiple Ethiopian communities for the past decade. While a majority of the water projects continue to function successfully, six are in serious need of major repairs. The funding will go to making needed essential improvements. This is a collaboration among several District 5030 Clubs.
International Service continued

Promise Pack ~ $4,000 (see Rotaract page 11)

Ethiopian Street Kids ~ $6,000

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Children's Critical Care Kenya - S4 Lead Club ~ $7,500

Our support of the Pediatric Emergency and Critical Care in Kenya project (PECC-Kenya) is helping decrease the mortality rate for children with critical illnesses and preventable diseases in sub-Saharan Africa. A partnership between Kenyan hospitals and physicians from UW/Seattle Children’s, PECC-Kenya provides a two-year specialized fellowship training for pediatric physicians in critical and emergency care for children. Utilizing a train-the-trainer model, it strengthens the capacity of the health care system in sub-Saharan Africa while providing immediate medical services in under-resourced areas.

Peace Trees Vietnam, Healthy Gardens ~ $6,000

The participation of Seattle-area and District 5030 Rotary Clubs will result in the clearance of 100-500 unexploded bombs and mines, and provide beneficiaries with the supplies, skills and support necessary to grow healthy foods to their families. The food grown will provide critical nutrition for each family, and the sale of excess produce at one of the nearby markets will generate cash income of $30/month or more, with the potential of more than doubling household income.

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Peacebuilders ~ $3,100

The mission of the Peacebuilder Committee is to encourage and empower all members of our communities to exercise mutual respect, understanding and cooperation; and to advocate both globally and locally for peace and the non-violent resolution of conflict. Prospective projects include anti-bullying programs for at-risk youth, planting Peace Poles at prominent public installations, and outreach to facilitate greater dialogue and collaboration between law enforcement and ethnically diverse, urban neighborhoods. ~ Harold Scoggins and Roberta Nestaas, co-chairs

Peacebuilders ~ $3,100

SRSF funding went to train staff in the Youth for Unity curriculum and equip Youth Peace Ambassadors with strategies to recognize and prevent discrimination and appreciate diversity in their schools.

Seven staff were trained and they worked with eight youth ambassadors. Skills learned are implemented as part of the five Late Night activities. Approximately 25-30 kids attend Late Nights.
Seattle #4 Rotary and Seattle City Rotaract partnered with World Vision for a global and local hands-on in-meeting Rotary service project. Seven hundred kits were assembled by 230 Rotarians/Rotaractors during the May 3rd lunch meeting:

- 500 Promise Pack backpacks to children in Senegal,
- 100 hygiene kits to refugees in Lebanon, and
- 100 kits for the Spruce Street Crisis Center for at-risk in Seattle, many of whom are homeless or sex-trafficking victims.

This project would not have been so large if not for Seattle City Rotaract being the lead club on the district Grant. The Rotary District matched both Seattle 4 and the privately donated contributions that funded the components of the kits and backpacks.

**Promise Pack ~ $4,000 (funded by International Service Committee)**

We work to achieve our goals through educational, fellowship, service and advocacy opportunities for Rotarians in our Club, our families and the community. ~ Eric Christenson, chair

**Sustainability ~ $9,025**

The Sustainable Agriculture Education Collaborative (SAgE) provides hands-on education and training to college students and beginning farmers. SAgE was awarded this grant to purchase a spader to support organic farm education. A spading machine are designed for loosening and breaking up soil.

**SAgE Sammamish Valley Student Farm ~ $5,000**

In 2016-17, NatureBridge's environmental science program at Lake Crescent in Olympic National Park served over 4,300 students, and 760 adult teachers and chaperones from 113 schools. And reached an additional 1,375 students through their classroom and community outreach programs. At the heart of all of NatureBridge's programs is a commitment to the teaching of science rooted in a connection to the natural environment, with attention to the social and emotional learning of our students.

With funds from SRSF, they purchased scientific instruments that supported Citizen Science and student-driven research.

**Nature Bridge Elwah River Restoration ~ $4,025**
Did you know that Seattle Rotary established the Rotary Boys and Girls Club in 1939? It was founded as the Rotary Youth Foundation and operated in the basement of the Plymouth Congregational Church. It was known as the George Coleman Clubhouse. In 1947 the club affiliated with the Boys Clubs of America. By 1953 the club had outgrown the church facilities so in 1954 the Rotary Club of Seattle funded the construction of the existing facility. The Rotary Boys and Girls Club continues to provide the children and youth of Seattle’s central area with a positive place where they can build the skills to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, caring citizens.

Seattle Rotary’s legacy of support for the Rotary Boys and Girls Club continues today. The Rotary Boys and Girls Club Committee offers Seattle Rotary members opportunities to be involved with the club through regular tutoring and mentoring, and special project volunteering. ~ Melissa Merritt and Simone Loban, co-chairs

Healthy Snack ~ $10,000
For the estimated 50 percent of Rotary BGC’s after school youth coming from low-income families, healthy Club food may be the one complete meal they eat. SRSF funding helped ensure that each weekday an average of 60 kids ate a nutritious dinner at the RBGC Club.

This food highlighted the value of good nutrition as a primary component of healthy lifestyles, alongside the Club’s support for physical fitness and nutrition education. Accessible food also helped draw kids to after school programs, increasing the number and frequency of kids engaging with positive programming in the safe environment of the RBGC.

Keystone Service Club ~ $2,500
The Keystone Service Club is a leadership-development program for teens aged 14-18. Through Club and community service projects, Keystoners learn first-hand the importance of cultivating and exercising compassion, tolerance, responsibility and citizenship.

Under the guidance of Patrick Carter, Keystone Club Members are encouraged to self-govern by planning, coordinating, and participating in fun, impactful programs and activities in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation, and community service. The program builds self-respect and strong community attachments.

School Supplies ~ $2,500
With the grant, Rotary Boys and Girls Club Committee members prepare and pack school supplies for distribution to students in elementary, middle and high school. Approximately 100 students were served, with an emphasis on those who would not otherwise have the basic supplies needed for school.

Equipped with supplies and leveraging the after-school homework support provided by Rotarian committee members, students have a better chance for a successful school year.

Phil Smart - R.E.A.P. Scholarships ~ $5,000
Gives graduating seniors who have overcome adversity, especially non-athletes, the opportunity to receive a college or university scholarship.

RBGC Maintenance Day ~ $2,440
The day is focused on maintenance, cleaning, yard work and any needed repairs for the RBGC building and surrounding property. We also provide Rotary Boys and Girls Club with needed supplies to keep it in good condition and we support the Executive Director's membership in Seattle 4.
Rotary First Harvest (RFH), a Rotary District 5030 Project, solicits large scale donations of produce from growers and packing houses. The produce has cosmetic flaws or is simply a glut on the market. It is moved to partner warehouses, sorted and distributed to food banks around the state. Volunteers sort and pack food for distribution.

~ David Bobanick, Executive Director

This year, RFH reached a milestone of 200 million pounds of produce captured and delivered to food-bank partners around Washington since it started in 1982. In the 2016-17 fiscal year alone, they moved over 10 million pounds of healthy produce. Every month, well over 100 Rotarians and their guests packed some of this produce at monthly work parties in the Northwest Harvest and Food Lifeline warehouses.

"We could not have reached these milestones without the support we receive from Seattle #4 Rotary and the other Rotary clubs of District 5030." RFH.
Peacebuilders Committee for the Spruce Street Crisis Center Kitchen ~ $19,809
Spruce Street Crisis Center serves as a shelter for teens escaping sex trafficking, homeless youth, and similarly disadvantaged. The project provides for rebuilding the dilapidated kitchen, which serves 500 clients each year.

Community Service Committee for Science with A Heart ~ $20,000
Wellspring Family Services staff provide early child learning skills to teachers working with homeless and impoverished pre-school children. Forty teachers received 65 hours of instruction in best practices from early learning research to improve the school readiness for kids. This will benefit 400 pre-school children.

International Service Committee for Uganda: Building Refugee Livelihoods ~ $18,500
In partnership with the Rotary Club of Muyenga, refugees in the Kampala urban area will be trained in a variety of skills designed to give them the ability to earn a living. The project is based in an existing refugee center and provides the tools and materials to train 720 people per year.

SRSF Grants Awarded for 2017-18
The following grants have been approved by the SRSF Board of Directors in 2017.

International Service
- Save Silent World $10,000
- Drop of Milk $7,500
- Arsenic Mitigation and Testing, India $7,440
- Eccina Stove Retrofit $7,500
- ALDEA, Water and Sanitation $5,000
- Training Village Priests & Community Health $2,400
- Avivara $4,000

Community Service
- Rotary Beds for Homeless Families $1,900
- Frye Art Museum's Creative Aging Program $3,000
- Dictionaries for Low Income 3rd Grade Students $3,000
- Pike Place Market Community Safety Net $3,000
- Mentoring Next-generation Community Leaders $2,000

Peacebuilders
- Community Partners Peace Poles Project $3,000

Business Mentors
- UW Foster School Business Mentors Program $2,800
- Rotary Lunch for Business Mentors Program $1,750

Arts Committee
- Taproot Theatre’s Bullying Prevention Plays $5,000
- 5th Avenue Theatre $5,000

Music4Life Instrument Purchases $5,000
Discover Dance Residencies $5,000

Youth, Education, Early Learning
- Winners for Life Scholarships $25,000
- Winners for Life Reception $6,874

Rotary Boys & Girls Club
- Healthy Snack $10,000
- Phil Smart R.E.A.P. Scholarships $7,500
- School Supplies $3,500
- RBGC Maintenance Day $1,000
- Exec. Director Participation in Seattle $1,440

Sustainability
- SAGE Sammamish Valley Student Farm $5,000
- Nature Bridge Scientific Equipment $3,396

Rotary First Harvest $15,000
- Total All Grants $165,000
- Reserve fund (held for 2017-18 opportunistic and challenge grants) $50,000
- TOTAL SRSF 2017-18 GRANTS BUDGET $215,000
The Seattle Rotary Service Foundation (SRSF) is a separate 501(c)3 with its own Board of Directors elected by the membership of The Rotary Club of Seattle. All Seattle 4 members are also members of SRSF.

**Pinkham & Skeel Circle of Service Donors**

Thank You for your generous donation of $1,000 or more to SRSF. Pictures on right show some Pinkham & Skeel Circle of Service Donors at a party held in their honor.

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