



## SEATTLE ROTARY SERVICE FOUNDATION

**Seattle Rotary Service Foundation (SRSF)** is our own incorporated, charitable and tax-exempt organization, founded in 1940 by the Rotary Club of Seattle. Each member of the Rotary Club of Seattle is automatically a member of this foundation. The annual budget of more than \$250,000 is raised through an annual fund drive among the Rotary members. It is a privilege and an obligation of each member of the Rotary Club of Seattle to support this foundation which supplies the funds for our various service projects carried out each year. **Currently an annual contribution of \$400 is expected from each member.**

Through the Seattle Rotary Service Foundation, we have been able to do some remarkable things for the community, such as:

- Establish the Rotary Boys Club in 1954 and donate their facility at 19<sup>th</sup> and Spruce Streets – today known as the Rotary Boys and Girls Club and affiliated with Boys & Girls Clubs of King County. Phase II saw the addition of a second story in 1989 for a tutoring facility to serve “at risk” youth in the Central District. The \$450,000 project was dubbed REAP (Rotary Educational Assistance Program), and is an ongoing mentoring and tutoring program. More recently, \$375,000 was provided over the 3-year period 2001-2003 for facility and program improvements.
- Seattle Rotary Education Center at the Woodland Park Zoo is another \$450,000 project which spanned three years and was completed in 1993. The education center benefits the entire community, from children to parents and grandparents, as does the Discovery Lab at the Pacific Science Center, completed in 1996.
- Construction of an education center for at-risk youth at the YMCA of Greater Seattle was a two-year grant culminating in 2000 that totaled \$250,000.
- In honor of the Club’s centennial in June, 2009, it successfully completed its largest project yet. As lead donors, Seattle Rotary partnered with Wellspring Family Services to prevent and end homelessness for families in our community. Club members donated a combined total of \$4.3 Million to this project, believed to be the largest donation raised to date by any service club in the world.

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## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

**The Rotary International Foundation (TRF)** is a trust voluntarily supported by Rotary clubs and Rotarians worldwide. The object of the RI Foundation is to promote international understanding and friendly relations among people of the world through projects of an educational nature. The Foundation grants fellowships, scholarships, and technical training awards, and also finances transportation for group study exchanges. Total grants involve millions of dollars and affect thousands of lives each year. Most notable is the multi-million dollar 25-year campaign to eradicate polio worldwide.

A primary source of funds for this foundation and one of Rotary's distinct honors is the Paul Harris Fellow Award. Paul Harris founded Rotary in 1905. All Rotarians worldwide are expected to contribute at least \$100 per year to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, for which our club sends you a courtesy "invoice" each year in the fall. In doing so, you become a Paul Harris Sustaining Member. Once \$1,000 has been contributed you are a full Paul Harris Fellow.

You can also make a gift in someone's name, as a special tribute and honor. The club office has details on how to set up your own Paul Harris Sustaining Membership at \$100 per year, or to honor someone with a full Paul Harris Fellow Award.