



Seattle 4 Rotary Community Service Committee

Our 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.

Our projects are Champion driven.
We want to thank all of the champions and volunteers
who have helped make our projects successful.

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Becky Borek and Cathy Burnell

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| Theresa Dowell Jones | Bob Johnson | Ken Withee |

The following pages highlight the accomplishments of this past year.



The Dictionary Project

Champion: Dennis Fleck

The Dictionary Project is a nonprofit initiative that strives to make sure every young child has access to this important reference tool so they can become an active reader, good writer and creative thinker. Our mission with respect to the dictionaries is to support the cause of literacy. A dictionary may be a small thing, but it is a powerful tool, and when it is a gift from a child's community, it becomes a direct example of community service.

During the 2010-2011 Rotary year, Seattle Rotary Foundation grant of \$4000 allowed the Seattle Four Community Service Committee to purchase 400 dictionaries at a cost of \$10 each. Committee members distributed these dictionaries to needy third grade students at several Seattle area schools. For many of these students, the gifted dictionary is the first book of any kind that they own. For many it is the only dictionary in their home, and their entire family now uses it. Providing dictionaries to third grade students is a wonderful way to open eyes to the world of words and promote learning. Letters and thank you notes from students and teachers poured in. Many thanks to all the volunteers for warehousing, transporting and presenting the dictionaries in the classrooms.

I just wanted to let you know that we use our dictionaries daily and my students enjoy reading them. This is such a great gift and one my students truly enjoy! We now have a daily contest of who can find the word the fastest when looking up a word. They like it, I love that they are learning and are able to use your gift daily.
- Kristy J. Flagel, Education Administrator, First Place School

Marilyn and I presented dictionaries to the 2nd/3rd grade class at First Place School. We were warmly received and the dictionaries were much appreciated. Marilyn gave a brief lesson on using the dictionary. She started with the four way test and used the word "fair". We had a lot of fun. The girl in photo above came up after we were finished and gave me a big hug. - Einer Handeland, Rotary volunteer



Food and Clothing Drives

Champion: Ralph Davis

SRSF Funds permitted the purchase of donation bags used in our November and June clothing drives benefitting the YWCA Clothing Services Program and the Union Gospel Mission. Food donations benefitted Northwest Harvest's Cherry Street Food Bank. We collected a total of two trucks full of clothing, including an especially lovely assortment of women's business wear. Special thanks to the Union Gospel Mission for bringing coverage from KING 5 News!



YWCA Angeline's Center for Homeless Women provides food, phones, counseling, job training, and a safe environment to 200 homeless women daily. It also provides beds for 40 women nightly expanding to 75 over the colder months.

Lunch at Angeline's

Champion: Jann Curley

Four times a year for the past four years, the Community Service Committee served a delicious lunch to the ladies at YWCA Angeline's. These lunches are funded by SRSF and served by Rotary volunteers.

Approximately 120 women are served each time. Seattle's YWCA Angeline's Meals Program is a critical part of their services and relies heavily on donations from volunteer groups, food banks, and other sources. The total cost for all lunches serving approximately 480 women was \$1200, or \$2.50 per person. Many thanks to SRSF for funding the lunches, and thank you to the volunteers in support of Service Above Self.



This is my favorite volunteer group... They get the job done! -Robert, Chef, YWCA Angeline's



Valentine's Bingo at Angeline's

Champion: Todd Bonime

It was a terrific afternoon at the YWCA Angeline's Center. Todd was the champion for their annual Rotary bingo games, and was joined by additional Rotarian volunteers. There were fabulous prizes! This event has become so popular, the room filled quickly. Rotary provided 35 gift bags for bingo winners, so almost half the participants received a gift bag. These bags contained good quality, practical necessities. \$600 was funded by SRSF. Many thanks to Bartell Drugs for their generous discounts and donations.



Kids Helping Kids Coin Drive

Champion: Lillian Hochstein

SRSF granted \$500 toward the total \$5000 cost of the collection cans used for the coin drive. More than \$8000 in coins were collected by 5,000 children in our community. Those funds were used to enhance the services provided by Wellspring

Holiday Toy Drive

Champion: Jann Curley.

SRSF funding provided for the cost of the donation bags used for the toy drive on December 15th during the annual Rotary Holiday party. More than \$300 and generous donations of toys poured into festive Seattle 4 Rotary holiday luncheon. The clubs drive combined with other community groups allowed more than 200 children served by WFS received a new toy over the holiday season.