



General Guidelines for Donations

1. Donations should relate to one of the Rotary's six main areas of focus
2. Donations should not fund general administration expenses of the recipient
3. Donations should not be given to United Way of Rutland beneficiaries
4. Donations should not be given where existing adequate funding is available, and/or a project is assured success without the Club's financial support
5. It is preferred not to donate where taxes or user fees are expected
6. Although Rotary truly changes lives one at a time, donations made to organizations are perceived as likely to more efficiently leverage the gift versus one made to an individual. However, in extraordinary circumstances a donation to an individual or a small group may be approved when the need is deemed compelling.

General Preferences

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4. All requests for funds must be received in writing by the Club president or BOD and never from a speaker during a meeting, although a speaker from a group under consideration for a donation may be asked to speak and enlighten the membership about its mission.
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