

# SPCE Rotary 2023 - 2024 Community Funding Impact Report



## Food Security

### Healthy Food Distribution (Locker Project) - \$2,500

Rotary funding supports the distribution of healthy fresh food and staples to South Portland children and their families through school- and community-based programs.

### Food Distribution (Judy's Pantry, Cape Elizabeth) - \$2,500

Rotary funding supports the distribution of produce and non-perishable items to Cape Elizabeth residents in need.

### Food Handling & Distribution Carts (South Portland Food Cupboard) - \$6,000

Rotary funding paid for the design and building of carts used in daily operations.



## Veterans Support

### Emergency Assistance (Maine Veterans in Need) - \$700

Rotary funding is used for on-going veteran's emergency needs such as 1st month's rent, travel costs for various reasons, apartment equipment, clothing, and other items where one-time payments will make a difference.

### Maine Forest Yurts (Durham Warriors Project) - \$1,800

Rotary funding covered the cost for (5) 2-night stays at Maine Forest Yurts in Durham, Maine, for disabled veterans, active-duty military and their families.

### Transitional Housing (Huot House) - \$2,500

Rotary funding supports transitional housing for veterans experiencing homelessness.

### Companionship (Vet2Vet) - \$3,300

Rotary funding supports peer companionship programs with the goal of alleviating social isolation and loneliness among Maine's veterans and linking them to needed services.



Thank you Family Promise for your kindness and love. I have been waiting for this house for so long and you just gave me my miracle. This day has been the best day ever!

-Derek, Age: 6

### Safe & Stable Housing Homeless Prevention & Housing Stabilization (Greater Portland Family Promise) - \$2,500

Rotary funding supports families on their path to independence and self-sufficiency by providing shelter, housing, case management, and critical needs support such as food and financial assistance.



## Senior Citizens

### Combatting Social Isolation Monday Matinees & More (South Portland Public Library) - \$1,000

Rotary funding provided a small stipend to presenters and helped with the budget for drinks and snacks.

Programming is scheduled the first three Mondays of the month. The program was designed to help combat isolation and loneliness among our senior population.

### St. Cyr Senior Programming (South Portland Housing Authority) - \$1,865

Rotary funding supports South Portland Housing Authority (SPHA) indoor and outdoor activities and special events for seniors and disabled adults.

### Life Saving AED for Senior Center (South Portland Parks & Rec) - \$1,500

Rotary funding paid for an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the South Portland Community Center Senior Center and for AED staff training.

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2023 SANTO "SAM" DIPIETRO COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD  
Lyric Music Theater



## Community Recognition

### City of SP DiPietro Community Impact Award Winner Donation (Lyric Theater) - \$2,500

Rotary funding used to replace one of four structurally failing stained glass windows.



## SP & CE Parks

### Hinckley Park Multilingual Nature Walk (South Portland Parks & Rec) - \$100

Rotary funding alleviated the barrier of transportation costs to Hinckley Park. The nature hike was led by SP Park Ranger Rafferty with the assistance of a French and a Portuguese interpreter.

### Bug Light Upkeep - \$495

Rotary funding pays for ongoing maintenance and beautification of Bug Light Park & Lighthouse.

### Fort Williams Rally for the Courts - \$2,000

Rotary funding is to be used for building a safe entrance path to the new FT Williams Park pickleball courts.

### Fort Williams Sounds by the Sea - \$2,000

Rotary funding sponsored the annual summer concert series (and SP Food Cupboard benefit).

### Mill Creek Park Holiday Lights - \$2,226

Rotary funding is being used for new and replacement Mill Creek Park Holiday Lights.



## Youth Engagement

### Stream Explorers Field Trip Kit (South Portland Parks & Rec) - \$500

Rotary funding purchased a pair of waders and boots (for educators to use), and a couple stream explorers field trip kits for the school field trip program. This allowed students to collect samples of stream water, identify macro invertebrates, and make assessments on water quality.

### Little League Team Sponsorship (South Portland Little League) - \$500

Rotary funding sponsored a team for the 2024 season.

### World Cultures Day (South Portland Middle School) - \$3,000

Rotary funding helped pay stipends to parents and community members who cooked food from their families' home countries and/or offered

interactive workshops. Students overwhelmingly identified World Cultures Day as the most important thing the school could keep doing to support students of different races, ethnicities, and cultures.

### SoPo Unite Event Support (SoPo Unite) - \$2,500

Rotary funding supports outreach activities and community events. SoPo Unite is a federally funded Drug Free Communities Coalition funded by the CDC.

### I'm Your Neighbor Library Collection (South Portland Middle School) - \$1,700

Rotary funding underwrote the purchase of the "I'm Your Neighbor" collection of library books that represent authors and characters from various backgrounds.



## SP-CE Rotary

### RAGMHI Seed Funding (District 7780) - \$1,500

Rotary funding supported the launch of the Rotary Action Group Mental Health Initiative.

### Rotary Tent (SP-CE Club) - \$917

Rotary funding purchased a 10x10 Rotary community events tent.