

# SP/CE Rotary contributes \$95,000, dedicates hundreds of hours of volunteerism

For over six decades, the South Portland Cape Elizabeth Rotary (Rotary) has been a beacon of hope, compassion and service in the community. Through a commitment to positively impacting the lives of those in need, the Rotary has announced contributions totaling \$95,000 to various local organizations and initiatives.

Additionally, the Rotary members have dedicated countless hours of volunteerism, offering their time, skills and support to create lasting change and uplift the community they serve.

The beneficiaries of the Rotary's funding during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 include a wide range of organizations that cater to diverse needs within the community. Among the recipients are:

1. SOPO Unite
2. Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society
3. Habitat for Humanity
4. Cape Robotics
5. Cape Little League
6. Connections for Kids
7. SP High School Homeless Assistance
8. SP High School Football Hall of Fame
9. Learning Works
10. Sounds by the Sea
11. Partners for World Health
12. PolioPlus
13. Rotary Foundation
14. Shelter Box
15. Cape Courier
16. Boys and Girls Club - South Portland Clubhouse
17. Opportunity Alliance
18. PSL Strive
19. Rotary Youth Leadership
20. South Portland and Cape Elizabeth High School, and SMCC student scholarships

“Our annual Christmas Tree Sale and SpringFest events have allowed us to raise funds to support these exceptional organizations that are making a real difference in our community,” said Jim Britt, 2022-2023 President of South Portland Cape Elizabeth Rotary. “Our commitment to service is unwavering, and we are thrilled to be able to offer our support to these outstanding causes.”

The contributions from the Rotary will serve a myriad of purposes, from provid-

ing healthy meals and snacks to children at the Boys and Girls Club - South Portland Clubhouse during the summer to supporting students with emotional and behavioral challenges at Connections for Kids' Special Purpose Private School.

The Rotary is also empowering young individuals through Learning Works' YouthBuild program, helping them complete their high school equivalency requirements and providing vocational training for brighter futures.

Furthermore, the Rotary is significantly impacting homelessness in South Portland by providing essential support and resources to the South Portland High School Homeless Assistance program.

Beyond the local community, the Rotary's reach extends to indigenous people through the Wabanaki WayZ Summer Camp Program and the Aquaponics program in Medellin, fostering connections and promoting understanding across cultures.

“Our dedication to service is not just limited to our immediate community; we believe in making a positive impact wherever we can,” added Britt. “Through our actions, we aim to inspire others to join us in serving others and building a better future for all.”

As Britt passes the torch to Dan McDonald, the incoming President, he emphasizes the importance of continuing the Rotary's legacy of compassion and selflessness. “I have been honored and privileged to lead this organization, and I have no doubt that Dan will continue to uphold our values and lead us toward greater heights,” he said.

The South Portland Cape Elizabeth Rotary is a shining example of the power of individuals coming together to effect change. Their dedication to service continues to transform lives, leaving a lasting impact on the community they serve.

For more information about the South Portland Cape Elizabeth Rotary and its ongoing initiatives, please visit [www.sp-ce-rotary.org](http://www.sp-ce-rotary.org), email membership director Matt McAleney, or contact us using the information request form: <https://www.sp-ce-rotary.org/>.

