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Food Security

Locker Project (\$1,000)

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

Judy's Pantry Food (\$2,500)

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

South Portland Food Cupboard (\$5,525)

Rotary funding paid for equipment needed to open a new office space for food-related paperwork processing. *SPCE Rotarians support the South Portland Food Cupboard by collectively volunteering more than 2,000 hours every year.*

Farms for Food Equity (\$1,000)

Rotary funding supports local farmers who donate to food banks and soup kitchens.

Greater Portland Family Promise (\$1,000)

Rotary funding supports the culturally relevant food distribution program designed to serve asylum-seeking families.



Veterans Support

Vet2Vet Companionship (\$2,500)

Rotary funding supports peer companionship programs that alleviate social isolation among Maine's veterans and connect them to needed services.

VOA Northern New England Emergency Fund (\$1,000)

Rotary funding covers one-time emergency expenses for veterans, such as the first month's rent, travel, clothing, or essential equipment.

Durham Warriors Project (\$1,500)

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.

Huot House (\$2,000)

Rotary funding supports transitional housing for veterans experiencing homelessness.

Maine Veterans in Need (\$1,500)

Rotary funding is used to directly support VETS with special needs, up to \$500 per individual.



Student Support

SPHS ELO Bike Repair Shop (\$300)

Rotary funding is used to purchase bike parts and cleaning supplies for the SPHS Extended Learning Opportunity Bike Shop.

Opportunity Alliance After-School AfroBeats Dance Class (\$600)

Rotary funding covers teacher fees for an AfroBeats dance class, a culturally relevant after-school program.

SPHS Student Transportation (\$500)

Rotary funding ensures students can participate in workforce development and career exploration activities.

SPMS World Cultures Day (\$3,000)

Rotary funding provided stipends for parents and community members to prepare traditional dishes and lead interactive workshops.

Long Creek Youth Development Center (\$500)

Rotary funding is used by the A.R. Gould School to purchase high-interest books for students.

Service-above-Self College & Yerxa Vocational Scholarships (\$10,500)

Rotary awarded 11 scholarships to South Portland and Cape Elizabeth graduates.





Community Support

Portland Wheelers (\$1,000)

Rotary funding is used to purchase spare tires, parts and bike repair tools to keep the fleet functioning safely. In 2024 the adapted trikes rode over 9,000 miles in 2024 providing over 3,000 rides to folks who can't ride bikes on their own.

Habitat for Humanity (\$1,250)

Rotary funding is used to offset engineering and home building costs. Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland is building eight single-family homes in South Portland that will be sold to low-income families with an affordable mortgage.

Partners for World Health (\$1,500)

Rotary funding is used to improve health care and reduce environmental impact by collecting surplus medical equipment and supplies and distributing them to communities in need globally and locally.

South Portland Housing Authority (\$1,000)

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



Event & Activities

Maine Special Olympics (\$357)

Rotary donated \$357 in honor of the 357 athletes that participated in the 2025 Special Olympics.

Rainbow Arts Collective Pride Market and Festival (\$1,000)

Rotary funding is used to support the seminal sensory/family friendly Mill Creek Park Pride Market and Festival featuring LGBTQIA+ artists, makers, and performers.

South Portland Boys & Girls Club 50th Anniversary (\$2,500)

Rotary was proud to be a sponsor of the 50th anniversary celebration. It was an evening filled with laughter, memories, and heartwarming stories spanning five decades.

Cape Harvest Festival & Cape Family Fun Day

Rotary volunteers joyfully serve cotton candy and popcorn to attendees of all ages.

Light Up the Night Sky Fireworks (\$5,000)

4th Annual Light Up the Night Sky Fireworks at Fort Williams Park in Cape Elizabeth! Brought to you by Rotary, supported by the Town of Cape Elizabeth and sponsored by Port Harbor Marine.



Parks & Rec

Bug Light Lighthouse Maintenance and Education (\$4105+)

Rotary funding pays for ongoing restoration, maintenance and beautification of Bug Light Park & Lighthouse. *Rotary docents conduct free lighthouse tours for the public and by appointment for school groups throughout the year.*

Fort Williams Sounds by the Sea (\$2,000)

Rotary sponsors the annual summer concert series at Fort Williams that benefits the South Portland Food Cupboard.

Mill Creek Park Tree Lighting (\$500)

Rotary sponsors the annual Mill Creek tree lighting and community celebration.

Bug Light Lighthouse 150 Anniversary Celebration (\$1,000)

Rotary funding covers planning, promotion, and underwriting for the community celebration of the lighthouse's 150th anniversary. *The celebration is a SPCE Rotary – City of South Portland partnership event.*

FMI: <http://buglight150.org>





Literacy

Little Free Libraries (\$500)

Rotary funding was used to purchase Little Free Library cabinets for the South Portland and Redbank Community Centers.

South Portland Public Library & Cape Elizabeth Thomas Memorial Library (\$1,000)

Rotary funding is used to purchase books at each library in honor of speakers who educate and enlighten Rotarians at our weekly meetings.

2024-2025 Speakers:

Andrea Southworth, Cathy Chapman & Tom Blake, Perry Newman, Andrea King, Kelly McDonald, Jennifer Hutchins, Margaret Angell, DG Bob McKenzie, Stephanie Gill, Audrey LeBleu & Xavier McCarthy, Peter Dugas, Kate Hekick & Dora Hurt, Carolyn Delaney, Stephanie Fin, Ken Johnson, Dwayne Hopkins, Carolyn & Peter Johnson, Patrick Fox, and Judge Bill Kayatta.



Health & Wellness

Rotary International Foundation and Polio Plus Campaign (\$10,500)

Rotary funding supports Polio Plus grants for health workers and volunteers. Together they have built an infrastructure for delivering health care and improving health care to fight multiple diseases, proving that the legacy of PolioPlus is more than eradicating a deadly disease from the planet — it’s also building a stronger health system that provides better access to lifesaving interventions for the world’s most vulnerable children.

The Family Restored Scholarship Fund (\$2,000)

Rotary contributions support scholarships that provide access to sober living environments with peer support and recovery resources.

SoPo Unite (\$1,000)

Rotary funding supports a peer mentoring program at the middle school focused on behavioral health.



Leadership

Hometown Heroes – Paul Harris Fellow awards (\$5,000)

In honor of our Hometown heroes, Rotary donated \$5,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

Hometown heroes - South Portland Police Chief Ahern and Fire Chief Selberg, Cape Elizabeth Police Chief Fenton, and Fire Chief Young, and South Portland City Council Cohen - were awarded Rotary International's highest honor, a Paul Harris Fellows award for Service above Self.

RYLA Scholarships (\$9,000)

Rotary awarded 22 scholarships for high school sophomores from South Portland and Cape Elizabeth to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program—a four-day, three-night immersive leadership camp held June 22-25, 2025, at Camp Hinds in Raymond, Maine.

Interact Clubs (\$1,000)

Rotary launched two new Interact Clubs at Cape Elizabeth High School and South Portland High School. Interact provides opportunities to participate in service projects, develop leadership skills, and build friendships while promoting international understanding.





SpringFest represents the best of what a community can be.



A little old-fashioned in the best way - reminding us that kindness, connection, and putting others first are timeless values. Community business sponsorship helped create an experience that made young people feel safe and welcome, and reminded all of us that joy is worth making room for—rain or shine.

Opening Night Magic Red Bank Comes Alive with SpringFest Spirit



SpringFest 2025 kicked off Friday in joyful style at the Red Bank Community Center.

The celebration featured an uplifting performance by the Ideal Maine Social Aid & Sanctuary Band, setting the tone with rhythm and creativity.

Kids and adults alike enjoyed cones served by Mainely



Treats, made gnome hats, engaged with community resource organizations, and danced to the tunes in a welcoming atmosphere. It was everything a community celebration should be—free, fun, and full of moments that let kids be kids.



Saturday Morning Unstoppable Gnome Fun Run

With over 100 participants—half of whom were kids ages 4 to 17—the event brought families, competitive runners, and fun-loving neighbors together. Everyone reported enjoying the course and the post-run hospitality.

Saturday Afternoon Celebration at Mill Creek Park



SpringFest 2025 was overflowing with flavor and memory-making moments. From the Unstoppable Gnome and the local talent in the food trucks and on the stage, to gnome hat making, face painting, tabletop bowling, Hometown Heroes award and the Children’s Entrepreneur Marketplace.



62 Years of Tradition Rotary Christmas Tree Sale at Mill Creek Park

100% of each year's tree sale proceeds go to making the world a bit better, brighter, safer, healthier, and kinder.

*For the perfect tree to light your night,
Rotary trees are a pure delight!
Freshly cut, so green and tall,
The merriest choice to deck your hall.*





2024-2025 Membership

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