

THE ROTARY CLUB OF CUPERTINO

2025 - 2026 Annual Report



With an eye toward making our community even more interesting and bike-friendly, our climate action committee worked with the city staff & commissions to design, procure, fund, and install five whimsical bicycle racks, placed in city parks & near Main Street gathering spots. They provide 'art with a purpose' to some well-used spaces.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF



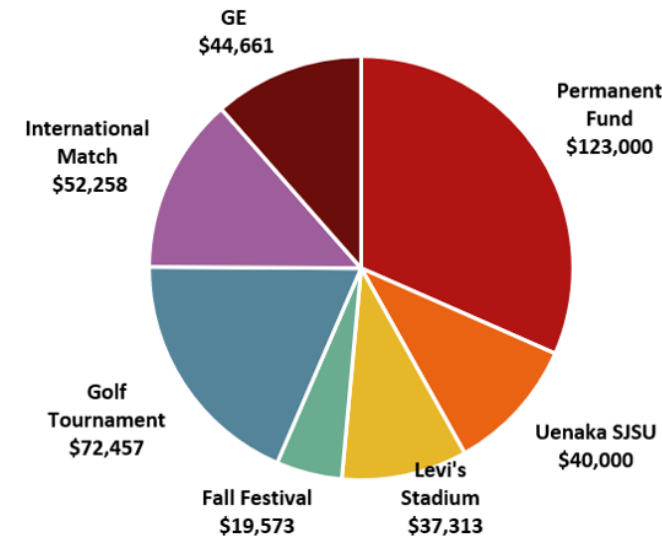
Rotary Club charitable projects are both conducted and financed by our club. All of our fundraising events are designed to reinforce the principle value of “service above self” that is the foundation of Rotary International. Our events have proven over time to be sustainable community-wide festivities that are enjoyed and supported by the community at large.

Distributions from Cupertino Rotary Endowment Foundation Permanent Fund further expand our club’s ability to conduct charitable projects in our local community and region.

Matching grants made through The Rotary Foundation (TRF) also expand our ability to have impact throughout the world. Cupertino Rotary is particularly known as a worldwide leader for the scale and diversity of our international projects.

In all that we do, corporate sponsorships, individual donations, and partner participation are critical to the success of our fundraisers. Contributors appreciate the ability to support Rotary’s work both at home and abroad, knowing that by supporting the club, the financial contributions they make are leveraged by the “boots on the ground” contribution of time and talent (as well as funds) contributed by our members.

Sources of Funds: \$389,262
Raised in RY 25-26

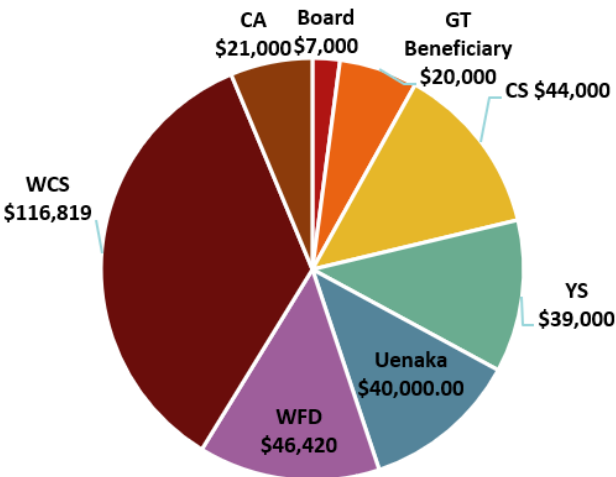


OVER 12,000 VOLUNTEER HOURS SPENT

As significant as the dollars raised, is the amount of time committed by Cupertino Rotarians to accomplish our goals. Cupertino Rotarians spent countless hours organizing and operating fundraising programs, doing hands-on community and youth projects, and traveling to distant countries to visit our international projects. The time commitment of our Rotarians is a testament to our dedication to the Rotary motto of Service Above Self.

100 percent of the money we raise from our fundraisers goes to charitable causes. The majority is used for a wide variety of International, Community, Youth, Climate Action, and Workforce Development projects championed by our club members. See the breakdown of project areas below.

Charitable Giving: \$334,239
Budgeted in RY 25-26



PEACE POLE



Cupertino Rotary partnered with De Anza College to install a Peace Pole on campus. An international symbol of good will, the peace pole says “May Peace Prevail on Earth” in six languages, as selected by a student council. Joining in the peace pole planting ceremony was a delegation of Rotarians visiting from Cupertino’s sister city of Toyokawa, Japan.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - Kathy Yates



Cupertino Mayor Liang Chao honored our club this year with a commendation to recognize the long history of service Cupertino Rotary has given to the city that was also incorporated in the same year as our club. Our theme of “Sow Goodwill, Harvest Hope” is meant as a reminder that mutually beneficial relationships

are the foundation and ultimate purpose of our existence as a service organization that practices “Service Above Self.”

This year we expanded our network of partner organizations, completed over 250 charitable service projects to support a variety of causes: youth, elderly, college students, Scouts, De Anza veterans, special needs individuals, climate advocates and home electrification efforts. We also continued to lead in conducting international service through Rotary International’s Global Grants program, whose charitable matching program significantly amplifies the financial resources raised in our own community to “give back” to both the native countries of our members and many other areas of need. We planted a Peace Pole on the De Anza college campus, and participated

in planting a similar one at the Inari Temple in Toyokawa, Japan (a sister city to Cupertino). And we celebrated the success of our 10-year involvement in a collaboration of multiple groups to plan, design and obtain City approval for, a project to repurpose a virtually unused strip of city property into BMR housing that will offer, to members of the adult Intellectually and Developmentally Disabled community and others, alternatives to live in the community where they grew up, close to family and friends.

All this is made possible by the generosity of our 207 members and 61 partner organizations, who collectively give their time, their talents, and their financial resources to build stronger communities for all. I offer my sincere “Thank you” for helping to make this work possible.

Kathy Yates
President

Kathleen B. Yates

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PRESIDENT ELECT - Louisa Roberts



I am truly honored to be President for Cupertino Rotary club in the coming year, and inspired to serve an organization that has been a part of our community for more than 70 years. Through decades of service, fellowship, and partnership, our club has touched countless lives around the world and close to home, and

built lasting relationships that continue to strengthen our community today.

This year, we embrace Rotary International President “Yinka” Babalola’s, theme of Create Lasting Impact. While impact can often be measured in projects completed or funds raised, the true heart of Rotary is found in people — in the connections we build, the kindness we share, and the hope we inspire in others.

Through the year, I would like to foster the belief that “Everyone is a piece of the puzzle.” Every member, every volunteer, every community partner, and every person we serve brings something valuable and unique. By welcoming diverse voices, experiences, and perspectives, we create a stronger, more compassionate, and more vibrant Rotary family. Inclusivity is not simply an idea we speak about — it is something we strive to live each day by ensuring all feel welcomed, respected, and valued.

I hope to highlight the importance of wellness and mental health, both within our club and throughout our community. In a world where many people quietly carry challenges and uncertainty, simple acts of compassion, understanding, and connection matter deeply. Rotary is not only about serving others; it is also about supporting one another, building friendships, and creating spaces where people feel seen, heard, and encouraged.

I am incredibly grateful for the dedication, generosity, and spirit of service shown by our members and partners throughout the year. Together, we have continued a proud legacy while also shaping a future filled with hope, purpose, and opportunity. Most importantly, together we are creating a lasting impact that will continue to ripple through our community for years to come.

Louisa Roberts
President - Elect 2025-26

Louisa Roberts



AVENUES OF SERVICE



Community Service

Community Service reflects Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self through hands-on support for local residents and community partners. Our members contributed hundreds of volunteer hours and invested \$44,000 in over 20 projects.

New projects this year included launching a semi-monthly local food distribution program and a partnership with Hope Services to connect with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our many continuing projects included: meals for people experiencing homelessness; Thanksgiving dinners to 175 families; care packages to deployed service members; toys, books, and art materials for foster youth; comfort animals visits to senior care facilities; and the mobilization of over 60 volunteers to improve the safety and livability of homes for low-income seniors.

Youth Service

The Youth Service Committee serves the young people in our community by working with our many partners to model "service above self" and provide experiences for our youth to grow in their leadership and understanding of the community and the world around them.

This year we completed 20 projects with a charitable foundation budget of \$39,000. Projects included Winterfest with Via Services, Dr. Seuss Read Across America week for First graders in the Cupertino Union School District schools (CUSD), support for the Wellness Centers in both Fremont Union High School District and CUSD, a poetry contest for 5 local high schools, and support for the Eastside College Prep Library. We supported Interact Clubs in our local high schools and provided scholarships for six students to attend RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy).

Cupertino Rotary is the charter organization for 5 Scout units: Cub Scout Packs 415 and 492, Troops 492 and 479 and Venture Crew 479. This year Youth Services proudly supported 6 Eagle Scouts projects with our partner organizations.

Climate Action

The Climate Action Committee serves our community with projects that reduce our carbon footprint while materially aiding our beneficiaries. Our projects included 2 rooftop solar installations for non-profits, reducing their operational costs; 6 artistic bike racks installed in Cupertino to promote cycling; a Regenerative Farming project that demonstrated improved soil health and carbon footprint benefits; Community Harvest of 4,050 pounds of local neighborhood fruit reducing food waste & carbon emissions and providing food to those in need; FUHSD Earth Day sponsorship that promotes carbon reduction; Home electrification tours to promote tools to move away from gas appliances; and a Pollinators garden at McClellan Ranch. We volunteer with Hunger at Home to distribute recovered food for the food-insecure and to reduce methane emissions. We leverage volunteer labor and grants from partners, private foundations and public agencies to reduce the cost of our initiatives.

Club Service

Our Club Service AOS is the heart of our club, creating the climate and culture that makes our club inviting, appealing, and interesting. Responsible for the logistical activities that ensure the smooth operation of our club, these committee members are the backbone that make all of our charitable work possible.



CS: Fruit Gleaning for WVCs



CS: Rebuilding Together



YS: Scouting



CA: Rotary Bike Racks



Workforce Development



CA: All Electric Home Tours



WFD: Uenaka De Anza Scholarship

The Workforce Development Committee supports individuals with their career development. Our mission is to empower members of our community to find the work they want and the opportunity for a challenging and financially sustainable career. We completed over 10 projects with a budget of \$46,000 supporting:

- De Anza Adult School Cross Cultural Partnership for English skills.
- Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD) Adult School mock interviews.
- FUHSD Educational Options Program Springboard into Careers - offering career chats, mock interviews, and resume reviews.
- FUHSD Business Entrepreneur Encouragement Program.
- Cupertino Rotary Financial Awards for Hope Drop-In Center and FUHSD Adult School GED earners.
- The Reentry Program - reintegration of formerly incarcerated women into society.
- DeAnza Career Technical Education (CTE) through eight \$1500 scholarships.
- The annual \$7,000 Jackson Family Education Scholarships to a DeAnza college student transferring to a four-year university.
- The annual \$4,000 Professor Kang Chao and Jessica Chao Memorial Scholarship to a DeAnza college student transferring to UC Berkeley.
- The annual Its and Marion Uenaka Memorial SJSU Scholarship, a \$40,000 Scholarship paid out over 4 years for a SJHS student transferring to SJ State University.

World Community Service

Our World Community Service Committee sponsored 10 international Global Grants across the world. This portfolio, spread across four continents, is currently valued at nearly \$1.9 million. Our Club's contribution of over \$298,000 is nearly 16% of the total, thanks to funding from CREF, The Rotary Foundation, and the WCS Global Elegance fundraiser, supported by our Club's members, other Rotary Club members, and our community and international partners.



WCS: Ecuador Mobile Surgery Unit

Two of our projects encompass exciting new connections and relationships in Vietnam (school latrines in Quang Tai in central Vietnam) and in South Africa, where we are engaged in a new Area of Focus - Environmental Protection. We continue our strong partnerships with Sankara Eye Foundation, which provides cataract surgery in Pune, India, and with Pratham Education Foundation, which provides vocational education to youth in Jaina, India. We are also preparing to launch a project to support Maternal and Child Health and Economic Development in Western Uganda.

The largest Global Grant in our portfolio, valued at over \$830,000 is a partnership with World Vision, targeted to bring clean water to several communities in the Western Highlands of Guatemala. In addition to reducing water borne diseases, the project provides thousands of women and children opportunities for employment, entrepreneurship, and education by removing the burden of hiking all day to access water.



WCS: Guatemala Water

Finally, this past year the Committee has approved contributions of over \$24,000 to our partner Rotary Clubs' Global Grants, enabling an additional six projects valued at nearly \$900,000. In total, we have provided nearly \$122,000 in funding for 23 Global Grants sponsored by our Rotary Club partners, most of which are still being executed throughout the world. The value of these projects exceeds \$3.9 million.

Our Global Grant workshops have increased engagement of new and long-time members, encouraging more members to champion Global Grants for the first time.

FUND DEVELOPMENT



Our club fundraisers this year raised \$174,004 for charitable purposes.

Cupertino Rotary's high-profile presence in effectuating Rotary Foundation Global Grants allowed us to leverage relationships with more than 40 other Rotary clubs/districts and a leading NGO, World Vision, to finance an \$800K+ project to improve water and sanitation infrastructure for four communities in Guatemala. The work has started and well on its way to reaching its goals.

Our annual Global Elegance Event to showcase and raise funds for global projects raised \$44,661. We made grants totaling \$318,000 (includes DDFs & Club contributions) to projects in Kenya, Uganda, South Africa, Ecuador, Guatemala, Romania, Nepal, China, India and Vietnam.

The Cupertino community Fall Festival returned for the 44th year, providing a showcase for local talents and organizations that make Cupertino such a rich, diverse and inclusive community. It raised \$19,573 for charitable community projects.

Our 32nd annual Golf Classic event fundraiser had a net of \$72,457 this year. We contributed \$20,000 through a special grant to Hidden Villa, and an additional \$52,457 for a variety of local charitable projects conducted by our club service committees.

Our volunteer work at Levi stadium raised almost \$37,313.

All of these fundraisers contribute to the ongoing local and global charitable work that is conducted throughout the year through initiatives led by our World Community Service, Climate Action, Workforce Development, Youth and Community Areas of Service.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS



ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS



Hung Wei was posthumously awarded Rotary District 5170's Dr. Clifford Dochterman award which celebrates the Rotarian who most exemplifies his enduring motto: "Real Happiness is Helping Others."



Alyssa Sakkas received County Supervisor Margaret Abe Koga's AAPI Heros - People's Flame Award.



Diana Ding received the Community Media Award at the 2025 American Community and Media Expo for her community engagement.



Hsing Kung was featured in the documentary "Builders of the Silicon Dream" recognized as a technical mastermind and immigrant trailblazer.



The Rotary Club of Cupertino received the Rod Diridon D5170 Climate Action Award by District Governor Herb Ritter.

The Rotary Club of Cupertino received a commendation from the Mayor of Cupertino in recognition of the long history of service Cupertino Rotary has given to the city of Cupertino.



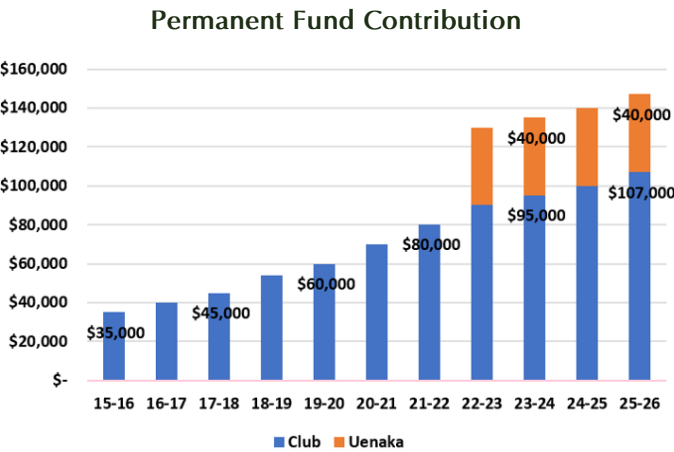
PARTNERS LIST FOR THE 2025-2026 ROTARY YEAR

Acterra
Assist International
BayRen
Billy De Frank Center
Bill Wilson Center
Camp Via West
City of Cupertino
Community Cycles of California Foundation
Community Seva
Cupertino Chamber of Commerce
Cupertino Educational Endowment Foundation
Cupertino Library Foundation
Cupertino Rotary Sponsored Interact Clubs
Cupertino-Bhubaneswar Sister City
Cupertino-Cupertino Sister Cities Association
Cupertino-Hsinchu Sister City Association
Cupertino-Toyokawa Sister Cities, Inc
Cupertino Union School District
De Anza College
Foothill De Anza Foundation
Fine Arts League of Cupertino (FALC)
Friends of Children with Special Needs
Fremont Union High School District
FUHS Foundation
Furry Friends
Global Grants' Partners
Grassroots Ecology
Green@Home
Guadalupe River Park Conservancy
Hammond Climate Solutions
Hidden Villa

Home First Dinners
Hope Services
Housing Choices
Hunger at Home
InAtalenet
League of Women Voters
Life Science Alternatives
Morgan Autism Center
NW YMCA
Operation Care and Comfort
Our Daily Bread
Pacific Clinics/Hope Centers
Parents Helping Parents
Pratham USA
Rise Against Hunger
Rebuilding Together
RollingHills 4-H
Safeway
Sankara Eye Foundation
San Jose State University
Scouting America-Units 479,492; Pack 415,492; Crew 479
SCC Re-Entry Resource Center
Second Harvest of Silicon Valley
Senior Centers-Live Oak, Sunny View
Shin Shin Educational Foundation
Silicon Valley Clean Energy
Silicon Valley Quilts for Kids
Sun Work
Walk Bike Cupertino
West Valley Community Services
World Vision

PERMANENT FUND

The Cupertino Rotary Endowment Foundation (CREF) was created to increase funds available for Rotary’s charitable giving. A separate entity from both the Rotary Club of Cupertino and Rotary International, CREF’s 501(C)(3) status affords individuals, families, trusts, foundations, and corporations the ability to contribute to charitable causes and realize tax benefits from such contributions. With a corpus of over \$4 million, the annual contributions from the Permanent Fund have increased yearly and are the largest component of Cupertino Rotary’s annual charitable giving.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Our weekly programs encompass a spectrum of speakers, as well as community celebrations and fellowship events.

- Featured is a small sampling of our great programs this year:
- View from Early Days of Apple Computer
 - Predicting Congestive Heart Failure using AI
 - Rob Jackson - Into the Clear Blue Sky (Climate Change)
 - Assyrian National History
 - Activities and Mission of Friends of Stevens Creek Trail
 - What is the Planet Bee Foundation?
 - The Building of the Kaiser Permanente Cement Plant
 - Who Pays to Power AI Data Centers?
 - Discovering a Passion for Work: The Humanities Scholars Work Experience at FHDA colleges
 - The Challenges of Getting Astronauts to Mars (and Back!)
 - Affordable Workforce Housing in Cupertino
 - Why do we Need an Independent Press?
 - Immigration: Past, Present and Future

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MEMBERSHIP

We added 20 new members in 2025-26. As the third largest Rotary club (200+) in District 5170, Cupertino Rotary is a strong vibrant club, with an active and engaged membership that reflects the rich ethnic fabric of our community. Cupertino Rotary provides opportunities for our diverse members to come together, exchange ideas, and take action to benefit communities both locally and worldwide. At Cupertino Rotary, we serve together to foster goodwill while building long-lasting friendship. We have a book club, hiking, biking, and field trips among our many opportunities to play. Come join us!



To learn more about The Rotary Club of Cupertino visit the Club’s website at: www.cupertino Rotary.org Please join us as our guest. We meet every Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. at **Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N Stelling Road, Cupertino, CA.** Meeting in person & via Zoom: See website for details. P.O. Box 637, Cupertino, CA 95015. T: (408) 658-0077 Email: cupertinorotary@gmail.com