

## **World Community Service Rotary Club of Cupertino**

**What we do:** We plan, implement, and review (visit) international service projects that originate within WCS as well as within other Rotary clubs

**When we meet:** 7:15 AM on the fourth Tuesday each month at Holder's Country Inn (with 1-2 evening meetings per year on an ad hoc basis)

**Where do projects come from?** Proposed by Committee members, friends, other clubs, other (non-Rotary) partner organizations

### **Global Grants (GG)– our primary activity**

- Must meet at least one of six areas of emphasis for The Rotary Foundation (TRF):  
Promoting Peace      Fighting Disease      Clean water/hygiene  
Mothers and Children      Education      Local economies
- A key focus is on sustainability (as opposed to “band-aids”). Minimum \$30K.
- A formal application process, that includes an International Club (e.g. Cupertino) and a local host club (where the service project is located). Other clubs often participate in the funding, particularly for large projects.
- Most of our annual projects are submitted to WCS each year in April/May. A champion is selected and a small team formed to submit and manage each project.
- Rigorous financial tracking and reporting, almost always including a visit to the site of the project, with a formal project close-out once goals have been met (deadline: 2 years after funding).
- No club can have more than 10 open Global Grants at a time – often a problem for Cupertino! We sometimes support other clubs' GGs.

### **Other Grants**

- Smaller projects and grants – generally <\$5K, approved by WCS throughout the year. Does not require the formal approval and tracking of GGs.

### **Where do \$\$\$ come from?**

- Donations to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) are returned to Cupertino Rotary three years later as District Designated Funds (DDF). DDF are matched 1:1 by TRF.
- WCS holds an annual fundraiser – Global Elegance, in August of each year.
- Individual cash donations. These and Global Elegance cash are matched 1:2 by TRF.
- District 5170 “Match for Max” program. Approved CREF grants allow us to purchase DDF that has been allocated to our district, and is unused by other clubs.