



AT A GLANCE | CLUB SERVICE

DPD DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY LEADER AWARDS – February

Countless thousands of Dallas residents and many non-profit organizations benefit every year from the charitable and volunteer efforts of many local businesses and their employees. This commitment to the community exemplifies the Rotary motto "Service Above Self". The Rotary Club of Dallas and Safer Dallas Better Dallas select an outstanding business and Dallas Police Officer each year to be named the Dallas Public Safety Leader of the Year and Distinguished Officer to be presented with awards during a luncheon in February.

Budget: \$3,500

FEEDING CHILDREN EVERYWHERE – February

In 2013 an RCD member suggested that our club join others who provide packaged dried food ingredients distributed to countries where famine is prevalent. Since that time, our focus has turned to feeding the hungry in our own neighborhoods, specifically supporting the group *Feeding Children Everywhere*. Teams are formed to package the ingredients and in the matter of 2 - 3 hours, at least 28,000 meals are packaged. They are distributed to Dallas ISD school pantries. Scottish Rite Hospital provides the space for RCD to set up and do this.

Budget: \$9,000

BIKE RODEO AND CHILD SAFETY DAY – April

In 2001, RCD partnered with Scottish Rite Hospital to develop a bike safety course for children. Each year several hundred children from age 3 to mid-teens arrive on the grounds of the hospital to ride bikes around a course where they experience safe ways to enter the roadway, cross an intersection, to pay attention to the area around them, etc. Each child is fitted with a free helmet, is entertained by a helicopter arriving and being opened for inspection, and they and their families eat hamburgers and hot dogs prepared by a team of Rotarians, Interact, Boy Scouts and hospital staff.

Budget: \$6,500 includes District Grant

<https://www.dallasrotary.org/sitepage/service/service-opportunities>

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE (GHANA) – May '22

Several years ago, a Rotary Club of Dallas member suggested that our club support the RI initiative of providing water wells in Africa, specifically his home country of Ghana. Another Ghanaian member, a dentist who had been returning to Ghana to provide basic dental care to villagers asked that dental care be included. Thus, RCD has dedicated to drilling water wells providing dental clinics in the villages where the dedications take place. Thousands of children, and some adults, receive dental care each day of the trip. Now jointly working with the Rotary Club of Coppell to also provide Pediatric Medical Services.

Budget: \$80,000 (Includes RI Grant and Club Partnerships)

<https://www.dallasrotary.org/stories/experiencing-an-international-rotary-outreach-project>

DREAM TEAM MENTORING AND SCHOLARSHIPS – June

Being a part of the DREAM Team mentoring program is a very rewarding commitment for students and their Rotarian mentors alike. This mentoring program began in 2006 to provide guidance for deserving students who, because of lack of funds, might have to bypass a college education. Students are selected when they are Sophomores and the Mentors work with the students through high school and college. Typically have 8 – 12 students in the program at any time.

Annual Scholarships: \$48,000

<https://dallasrotary.org/sitepage/service/dream-team>

INTERACT – Bi-Weekly

The RCD Interact program is held at Woodrow Wilson High School and Faith Family Academy; they both meet every other week. Interact participates with Dallas Rotary in our Bike Rodeo, Angel Tree and Feeding the Children. The Interact clubs organize a number of their own projects every year and help their school and community.

<https://rotary5810.org/page/interact>

Budget: \$750.00

CAMP RYLA – July – August

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts where you develop your skills as a leader while having fun and making connections.

Budget: \$7,000

SERVICE ABOVE SELF TEACHER AWARDS – August

The purpose of the Rotary Club of Dallas Outstanding Teacher Awards for Service Above Self is to call attention to the importance of service in our community. The award provides an opportunity to publicly applaud our teachers and to reward those who have demonstrated excellence in their profession by "going the extra mile". Nominees for the award are solicited from all Dallas ISD schools, one award for each level: elementary, middle school, and high school. A group of RCD volunteers review teacher applications from which the three winners are presented a cash award of \$2,500 each at a luncheon, typically in June.

Budget: \$10,000

<https://dallasrotary.org/sitepage/events/teachers-awards>

RCD CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT – May 12, 2021

In 2014 the Rotary Club of Dallas started a golf tournament and silent auction that has served the purpose of providing funds to support the Safer Dallas Better Dallas projects. Safer Dallas Better Dallas, a was founded in 2005 by community leaders Jack Hammack and Charles Terrell, who pledged to seek solutions and funding necessary to make Dallas the safest city in America. Safer Dallas Better Dallas has raised millions of dollars, and has funded the Caruth Police Institute, neighborhood security cameras, bait cars, narcotics dogs, sexual assault programs, body cameras, and much more. Every dollar donated to Safer Dallas Better Dallas from the Dallas Rotary Club Foundation Charity Golf Tournament is used to support the Dallas Police Department and their needs that are not funded by the city.

Funds Raised: \$50,000 (Split between Safer Dallas and Dallas Rotary Club Foundation)

<https://dallasrotary.org/sitepage/events/rcd-charity-golf-tournament>

PINTS FOR POLIO – October 24, 2020

This will be the first year RCD will host Pints for Polio. Your commitment this year will help The Rotary Club of Dallas support the Rotary Foundation – Polio Plus campaign. Thanks to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation renewed challenge, every US dollar donated will be matched two-to-one with their matching contribution dollars! For example, your \$200 donation will be matched with \$400 for a total of \$600! That is over 880 polio vaccine doses! We need to continue immunizing children in Nigeria, Afghanistan, and Pakistan and your support will help Rotarians put the world one step closer to eradicating Polio. Rotary International and its partners continue to address critical issues affecting health, wellbeing, and human rights locally and around the globe. Please consider becoming a soldier in the War against Polio and make a contribution.

Goal: Raise \$3,500 for Polio

SALUTE TO AMERICA'S VETERANS – November 11, 2020

This event benefits the USO DFW and the George W. Bush Institute's Military Service Initiative. This outstanding program honors the contributions of veterans across the generations for maintaining our freedom and liberty and raises much needed financial assistance for these two organizations that transform the lives of our active military, our veterans and their families. The event is held each year at the Frontiers of Flight Museum. **Over the history of this program, \$505,000 has been donated.**

Donations Raised: \$45,000 (Split with USO and G. W. Bush Institute)

<https://dallasrotary.org/sitepage/events/sav>

SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE – Annually in November/December

Since 1889, The Salvation Army has provided Christmas assistance to disadvantaged families and individuals in Travis and Williamson Counties. Through the Angel Tree program, donors can give joy to a child in need during the holiday season. This event is for student mentees and Interact for their community service hours.

KIDWELL FUND – as needed

The Kidwell Fund was established with funds donated by a member to help Dallas County area families in emergency need. Those seeking assistance will fill out the Kidwell Grant application for a request between \$1-\$1,000. All requests must provide backup of the cause of emergency (i.e. copy of electric bill, rent, etc.) Checks are not written to the individual directly and requests are not guaranteed approval, each request is reviewed on an individual by individual basis.

Budget: \$12,000