



2025-26 Akron Rotary Foundation Grants

Akron Rotary Foundation



The Akron Rotary Foundation is a fund established to benefit the programs of the Akron Rotary Club. It benefits select charitable causes throughout the Greater Akron community.

The Akron Rotary Foundation is dedicated to:

- Community Development
- Youth Empowerment
- International Understanding
- The Rotary Camp for Children with Special Needs

Overview

- The Process
- The Committee
- Grant Recipients
- Check Presentations
- Meet the Organizations & Projects!



The Process & Committee

- Applications launch in late November and are due January 31st.
- Application is simple—contact info, description of project, steps for completion, budget and grant request.
- Committee reviews all applications and compares to our mission and Rotary's six areas of focus.
- Committee makes recommendation for recipients to Board of Directors. BOD selects recipients and Akron Rotary Foundation Directors ratify.

Committee

Sandy Naragon, Chair

Laura Duda

Doug Kohl

Jack Harig

Doug Hausknecht

Karen Hrdlicka

Katy Miller

Dan O'Connell

Community Impact

Rotary serves communities! Rotary inspires people to get involved. Collaborations are formed to deliver solutions to those in need. Rotary members contribute nearly 47 million volunteer hours a year, worth an estimated \$850 million, to communities around the globe.



How Can You Make a Difference?



- Encourage Applications
- Be a champion “sponsor”
- Volunteer to serve
- Include Akron Rotary Foundation in your annual giving
- Add Akron Rotary Foundation to your legacy giving plan
- Share the good works of Akron Rotary

2025-26 Grant Distribution

Organization	Project	Grant Awarded	Representative(s)
Akron Cooperative Farms	Dig In! Urban Farming North Hill Youth	\$4,000.00	Doug Wurtz
Embracing Futures	Dr. Milton Rubin Oral Health Program	\$3,750.00	Amber Barkoukis Anna Film
First Tee Greater Akron	8 th Annual Law Enforcement Putting with the Police Day	\$3,500.00	Jeff O'Brien
Christ Child Society of Akron	Mary's Kitchen	\$2,500.00*	
*Rotary District 6630 Matching Grant			

Thank you

Sandy Naragon, Chair
Akron Rotary Grant Committee
June 24, 2025

