

# EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR



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## PHILIPPINE YOUTHS GET DOWN TO BUSINESS



Rhoderick Samonte

Rhoderick Samonte of the Philippines knows what it's like not to be able to afford an education. When he was accepted into a master's degree program at Brandeis University in Massachusetts, USA, he didn't

have the money to attend and "was at a crossroads, in between hope and despair."

A Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship not only helped Samonte get his master's degree but inspired him to found the Youth Entrepreneurship Service (YES)

program. YES is a microlending organization that is teaching 100 young adults in Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, Philippines, basic entrepreneurial skills and providing them seed capital to start businesses.

Samonte launched YES through a partnership with the Rotary Club of Bacolod South and his former host club of Wellesley, Massachusetts, and a US\$20,000 Rotary Foundation Matching Grant.

"I am truly grateful to Rotary for believing in this project," Samonte says. "The youth are the future of any community. What kind of community will there be if we do not give them the gift of education?"

Economic and community development are one of six focus areas of The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Plan, set to begin on a pilot basis on 1 July 2010.

## THANKS FOR A YEAR OF STEADFAST SUPPORT, HOPE

Despite economic recession and uncertainty in many parts of the world,

- 313,037 Rotarians participated in the EREY initiative by contributing a total of US\$73,597,552 to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund; a total of 241,867 of those contributors were Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members contributing \$100 or more
- More than 26,400 Rotary clubs made donations to the Annual Programs Fund totaling \$25,702,448
- The Annual Programs Fund received a total of \$99.3 million in contributions, helping to save and change lives around the globe

The Foundation heartily thanks all Rotarians for their generous support in 2008-09, which is critical at a time when life is even more perilous for those living in desperate circumstances.

## DISABLED HUNGARIAN KIDS GET A LIFT TO LEARNING

The work of the Immanuel Home in Debrecen, Hungary, deeply touched David Hare when he visited the daycare school for 75 severely disabled children in 2006. Hare spoke about the facility's needs to the members of his Rotary Club of Charlotte Top-of-the-Week, North Carolina, USA. The club responded by joining with the Rotary Club of Debrecen in a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant effort that raised US\$14,000 to furnish and equip two new classrooms.

Two years later, Hare learned of the need for a van to transport wheelchair-bound students from their homes to the school and outside activities. Ten Rotary clubs in districts 7680 (North Carolina), 6910 (Georgia, USA), and 1911 (Hungary) and two churches joined



David Hare with children served by the Immanuel Home, in front of the new wheelchair van

in raising the \$67,000 needed, aided by a \$25,000 Foundation Matching Grant.

In May, Hare joined Debrecen club members to hand over the keys to the new nine-person

wheelchair van to Immanuel Home officials. Moreover, a favorable currency exchange rate made it possible to purchase a second, used van.

The new vehicles will make a tremendous difference in the children's lives, Hare says. "They have wonderfully warm hearts. They were singing for me, and you can tell how much they enjoy activities like pottery, planting seeds, and arts and crafts. They get so happy from doing the smallest things. You can't describe it."

## THE BOTTOM LINE

2009-10 Annual Programs Fund Contribution Totals toward the US\$96 Million Goal

US\$13.6M

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

## ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS CAN HOLD APPETIZING APPEAL

Rotarians in Paraguay and Argentina are using their tradition of hospitality to raise money for the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund.

Every August since 2006, Daniel Elicetche, a member of the Rotary Club of Asunción, Central, Paraguay, has celebrated the birthday of his wife, Rosa, with a big party at the family's home. They invite many friends, most of whom are Rotarians, to an evening featuring dinner, music, and entertainment.

"The guests, instead of bringing presents to Rosa, make a contribution [of at least US\$100] to The Rotary Foundation," says Elicetche, a former regional Rotary Foundation coordinator and past governor of District 4840 (Argentina; Paraguay). "Last year, the party had as special guests 2008-09 Trustee Chair and Mrs. Jonathan Majiyagbe. They shared good moments with more than 100 Rotarians

from Paraguay and the northeast provinces of Argentina."

The event raised more than \$12,600 for the Foundation.

Every November, District 4890 (Argentina) holds a gala dinner, with all proceeds from ticket sales going to the Foundation. Organized by Past District Governor Keikichi Utsumi, of the Rotary Club of San Telmo-Constitucion, Capital Federal, the 2008 event garnered almost \$25,000, which surpassed all other Foundation fundraisers in the country.

A visit from an RI president, a Rotary Foundation trustee, or an RI director is just one of many ideal occasions for holding a Foundation fundraiser. Find more ways to generate support for the Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative on the RI Web site at [www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/958en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/958en.pdf).



From left: Daniel Elicetche welcomes Raul Dos Santos, Paraguay's former ambassador to the United Kingdom, and 2008-09 Foundation Trustee Chair Jonathan Majiyagbe and his wife, Ayo, to a fundraiser in his home.

## EREY EXTENDS ROTARY'S REACH AROUND THE WORLD

Your contribution to the Annual Programs Fund can literally be the bridge to a better life for people in need. In El Salvador, a US\$17,600 Matching Grant project built three bridges that improved the lives of approximately 2,500 people. Sponsored by the Rotary clubs of San Salvador Cuscatlán, El Salvador, and Warwick, Virginia, USA, the bridges increased agricultural trade, economic growth, and access to health care and education. An unexpected benefit of the project: During excavation for one of the bridges, a high quality water source was discovered which residents can now access — by crossing the bridge.

Contributions by Every Rotarian, Every Year can make a difference in lives around the world. For example, a \$100 contribution can provide mosquito nets for 50 children in Tanzania; \$1,000, microcredit loans for 23 women in the Philippines; \$10,000, two water wells to serve villages in Haiti; \$100,000, 100 dairy cows and 50 flocks of chickens to farmers in Romania to produce milk and food for area orphanages.

How far will your contribution go?

### SETTING THE PACE IN GIVING

Major Donors, Bequest Society members, Benefactors, and Paul Harris Fellows are vital leaders in supporting The Rotary Foundation's programs, helping to save and change lives around the world.

Recognitions	Total in 2008-09	Cumulative
Major Donors	1,311	11,416
Bequest Society members	524	6,623
Benefactors	2,897	80,673
Paul Harris Fellows	61,998	1,188,782

Have you made your gift yet? What better time than November, Rotary Foundation Month? *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*, including the ability of its Foundation to save and change lives. Make your gift today!

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### JOIN US AT THE CONCERT TO END POLIO

Rotary International is teaming up with violin virtuoso and polio survivor Itzhak Perlman and the world-renowned New York Philharmonic to present the Concert to End Polio, a benefit performance supporting the global effort to eradicate this disabling, sometimes fatal, childhood disease.

The one-night-only performance will be held on 2 December at 19:30 in New York City. Learn more and purchase tickets for this historic event at [www.rotary.org/endpolioconcert](http://www.rotary.org/endpolioconcert).

DID YOU KNOW THAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ANNUAL PROGRAMS FUND HELP POLIO ERADICATION EFFORTS THROUGH THE DISTRICT DESIGNATED FUND (DDF)?