



Dear Fellow Rotary Members,

Thank you for your consideration in your giving for Rotary this year. The enclosed charitable statement gives a breakdown of several giving options available. I would like to encourage you to consider the following items as you make your giving decisions.

1. Your **Service Fund Contribution** is the primary way we fund our own club projects. Including:

**"People with Disabilities"** We have worked with JP Lord school, Munroe-Meyer Institute, Mosaic, Madonna school and many more individuals and organizations funding projects like educational materials, sensory learning tools, camperships etc. to help individuals or groups with unmet needs.

**Operation Hippocrates** helps fund the work we do in Belize for child heart care. **Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA)**, supporting youth in leadership growth.

Many other service projects - like the recent **Human Trafficking**, and **Tree Planting** projects. **We have fallen short** of our historical donations in the last couple of years which has forced us to cut back or limit the impact we can have as a club helping in our area. I hope every member can give the \$100 requested amount as a minimum and if you are able I encourage you to consider a larger gift. We are working on several needs which would require larger funding and we are hoping for your help.

2. I hope you will consider a gift to our **Omaha Downtown Rotary Club Foundation** which funds many grants in our local area including our Rotary scholarships given out at our honor roll luncheon each year.

3. **Rotary International** donations help fund local projects through District grants which our club uses to increase the impact of our projects, and worldwide Rotary projects. Donations to RI earns you credit towards becoming a Paul Harris member recognizing each \$1000 of lifetime cumulative donations to Rotary International.

We are working to have 100% member participation in giving to Rotary international. Gifts of **any amount** would help us qualify for this prestigious award if we can get the whole club engaged. As an incentive to get started in giving to Rotary international we have club members that have graciously offered **Matching Points** to be awarded to any first time contributor in our club up to the first \$100 in giving before year end. This earns you twice the credit toward reaching your first Paul Harris Fellowship.

This year as part of our **Engagement Challenge** I have challenged everyone to give a gift of any amount to at least 2 of the funds included here. I hope you will help us meet the challenge. Let's get engaged and make a difference in our world. **Thank You** for your consideration and for making a difference through Rotary.

*Brad*

**THE FOUR-WAY TEST** "Of the things we think, say or do"

1<sup>st</sup> Is it the **TRUTH**? 2<sup>nd</sup> Is it **FAIR** to all concerned? 3<sup>rd</sup> Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**? 4<sup>th</sup> Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



CHARITABLE STATEMENT
2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Omaha Downtown Rotary Club Foundation Your Donation

Service Fund Contribution (Requested Minimum Contribution \$100) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
This contribution funds Club charitable projects for the 2019-2020 club year. (\$100 or more)

Omaha Downtown Rotary Club Foundation Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_
This contribution is invested in our local Foundation to help fund future grants for Veterans, the Elderly, and Education.

Please consider including the Omaha Downtown Rotary Club Foundation in your estate plan. Check the box and a Foundation board member will contact you. [ ]

The Rotary Foundation (Rotary International)

Annual Fund Contribution (Every Rotarian Every Year) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
\$100 or more per year makes you a Paul Harris Sustaining Member. \$1,000 or more per year earns you membership in the Paul Harris Society. We ask every member of our Club to give at least \$25 per year, and to thoughtfully consider giving \$100 or more per year to The Rotary Foundation annual fund. (\$100/1000)

Polio Plus Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_
Please donate \$50 or more to finish the job of polio eradication and you will help Rotary meet the Gates Foundation matching grant of \$150,000,000. (\$50 or more)

OR

I gave online at Rotary.org (the fastest and easiest way to give to The Rotary Foundation) [ ]

TOTAL Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to Omaha Downtown Rotary Club Foundation. Contributions may be tax-deductible. As always, consult your tax advisor regarding this issue.