



THE RENOTARIAN

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We Meet on Monday's at Noon at The National Automobile Museum

Monday's Program Community Service Grants

The Community Service Committee evaluated 20 submissions and ranked the three highest projects. They are: **Children's Cabinet/Workforce Development Project, Children in Transition Program/Washoe County School District** and **For Kids/Before the Bell Program**. The amount to be granted is \$35,000 to one organization. The three organizations and Rotary Club liaisons will present short presentations at the March 13th membership meeting.

For those who would like to read up on each project before the meeting, the

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You can join us with Zoom:

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN MEETING](#)

Upcoming Events

Club Music Contest

March 15, 2023 5-9 pm

St. John's Church

Area 8 Foundation Dinner

March 24, 2023

Food Bank Volunteer Day

April 1, 2023

Area 8 Speech Contest

April 5, 2023

Upcoming Speakers

Paul Thomsen

March 20, 2023

Ormat

Jim Stonecipher

March 27, 2023

Fulcrom BioEnergy

David Walker

April 3, 2023

Nevada Museum of Art

Achievement Beyond Obstacles

April 10, 2023

Student Presentations

MENU



Irish Soda Bread

Corn Beef

Cabbage, Carrots

Champ, Smashed Red Potatoes,

Scallions, Sour Cream, Butter

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rotary youth exchange

RYE Host Family Needed

We need 2 host families to host an in bound Rotary Youth Exchange student for 3 months during the August 2023-June 2024 school year. If you are interested or would like further details, please reach out to Bill Creekbaum:

william.creekbaum@morganstanley.com



RYLA APPLICATIONS

Camp RYLA 2023 Dates:

Week 1: June 18 – 23

Week 2: June 25 – June 30

Week 3: July 9 – 14

The RYLA committee is currently accepting applications for participants to the Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening (RYLA) to be held this summer in Grizzly Ranch by Portola. **The deadline to submit applications is March 15.** It is a week-long camp in which campers will learn skills including leadership, teamwork, communication and self-awareness. *Participants must currently be a junior or senior in high school.* In addition to Reno High School, other high schools will be considered. We encourage students who are related to our club members to apply. Please contact Tom Taelour for more information 775-771-4008 or ttaelour@charter.net. Info: www.Camp-RYLA.org

Community Service Grants

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applications (Letter of Interest) are in this newsletter.

During the March 13th meeting, members will be asked to vote on one project after the presentations via ballot. Those attending via Zoom will vote via the chat box. And for those who cannot make the meeting, please send your top choice to marlene@good-standing.com before 1:30 p.m. on March 13.

Here are the projects, all requesting \$35,000:

Children's Cabinet/Redfield Academy Workforce Development Committee, Rotary liaison-Eaton Dunkelberger: An opportunity to partner with Redfield Academy Alternative High School and Wraparound Services Program. By giving our students more hands-on career exploration and vocational training opportunities, they will be better-prepared to enter the workforce, trade school, or college following graduation. The grant will help supply on-the-job equipment and supply kits so students are workforce ready.

For Kids Foundation/Before the Bell Program, Rotary liaison-Kirk Allaire: The need is for low-income working families to have a safe place to leave Washoe County School District (WCSD) elementary-school-age children before the start of the school day. They will offer approximately 80 children from low-income working families (20 children from 4 schools) peace of mind, knowing their child is safe, receiving academic support, and occupied with their friends prior to the start of each school day. Staff is needed for this program.

Children in Transition/WCSD: Rotary liaisons- Jerry Hall and David Spillers: The CIT program seeks to use the available \$35,000 to benefit our most vulnerable students in the WCSD. As affordable housing options continue to decline more families are finding themselves in unstable housing situations. The grant would be utilized to directly support

families who would otherwise be forced out of their home or weekly hotel.

In a separate action, the committee forwarded a request to the Foundation Board for \$5,000 for library needs at Duncan Elementary School, liaison-Mark Growden. The committee was very touched by this request, as this Title 1 school does not have a library. The request described a very creative way of getting resource books in every classroom. The Foundation voted to fund this request at its February meeting. We hope for more club opportunities in getting involved in this project.

The Community Service Committee extends sincere thanks to all of the club liaisons who worked to present such great projects for consideration. We only wish we could fund them all!



Mark Growdon informs the club about the upcoming music contest. Thank you Mark for your work on this!

Bell Ringers 3-6-23

Maria Sheehan:

\$200 - Panama Orphanage

\$100 - Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

Julie Griffiths - \$100

Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

John Baum - \$100

Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

Jim Endres - \$100

Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

Tom Hall - \$100

Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

Laurie Leonard - \$100

Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

Katherine Wellesley - \$100

Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

Eaton Dunkelberger - \$100

Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

Kevin Melcher - \$100

Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

Kurt Mische - \$100

Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

Pat Horgan - \$100

Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

Harvey Fennell - \$100

Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

John Tatum - \$100

Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

Richard Schreinert - \$100

Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

Steve Kent - \$100

Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

Kurt Tomozy - \$100

Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

Olivia Tomozy - \$100

Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

Marlene Olsen - \$100

Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

Karen Bickel - \$100

Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

Charles Dodson - \$1,000

Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

Oliver Grosz - \$1,000

Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

Karen Grosz - \$1,000

Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

Carl Fuetsch - \$1,000

Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

Jim Marshall - \$2,000

Ukraine Mobile Clinic Project

Totals: \$7,900 for Ukraine Mobile Clinic and \$200 for Panama Orphanage

Thank you!

Reno Centennial Sunset Rotary

15th ANNUAL POLIO PURPLE PINKIE TRAIL RUN

**SATURDAY
MAY 6 | 2023**

Washoe County's
SAN RAFAEL PARK
at Peavine Pavilion

**10K
& 5K
RUN/WALK**

EARLY REGISTRATION (BY APRIL 21)	5K-\$25	10K-\$35	Virtual Mile-\$15
REGISTRATION	5K-\$30	10K-\$40	Virtual Mile-\$15

All proceeds benefit the Rotary Foundation's Trust-Free Fund, The Rotary Club of Reno Centennial Sunset Foundation, and Immune Nevada.

Throughout the world, every time a Rotary volunteer administers a polio vaccine, a child's smile is painted purple, alerting volunteers and the community that the child is protected.

Details/Register at renopoliorun.com

END POLIO NOW

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THE CHILDREN'S CABINET: REDFIELD ACADEMY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT Letter of Interest Submitted to the Rotary Club of Reno on January 30, 2023

OUR ORGANIZATION: The Children's Cabinet is a 501(c)(3) established in Reno in 1985. Our mission is to keep children safe and families together, and our approach is to collaborate with public agencies and business leaders to address unmet needs. We serve children ages birth through 24 and help 13,500 Nevada families annually. Our services include child care resources, education and employment programs, family counseling, and assistance with basic needs—all available in one place and free of charge.

OUR PROJECT: We would like to involve Rotary Club of Reno with our Redfield Academy Alternative High School and Wraparound Services Program, especially at a time when we are expanding our focus on workforce development. By giving our students more hands-on career exploration and vocational training opportunities, they will be better-prepared to enter the workforce, trade school, or college following graduation.

Redfield Academy is a unique and successful alternative school site for youth in Washoe County who are two or more semesters behind and need both academic and personal guidance to catch up and to earn their high school diplomas. Forty Redfield Academy students (grades 9-12) come to our Reno youth center every day, to re-engage with school, recover credits, achieve goals, and to graduate. Additional middle school and high school students participate in our Continued Success afterschool and summer program—for homework assistance, community service engagement, career pathways counseling, and vocational certification opportunities. Most of our students are dealing with adult responsibilities and issues beyond school, including poverty, homelessness, mental health challenges, parole, and parenthood.

In the year ahead, our Redfield and our Continued Success students will be able to discover and earn professional certifications in an in-demand sector, choosing from: 1) Community Health, 2) Construction, and 3) Digital Printing and Running a Small Business. For example, we are collaborating with the Sierra Nevada Area Health Education Center (AHEC) to offer a Community Health Worker 1 certification course and our first cohort of 10 students will become certified over the next 12 weeks. We are also working with Custom Ink to bring life back to our on-site Cabinet Ink t-shirt printing shop.

OUR GOALS AND MEASURABLE RESULTS: Graduation (with a WCSD diploma or an HSE) and the subsequent pursuit of college, vocational, or career dreams are always the ultimate goals. We also want career counseling and vocational certification to lead directly to internships or job placements. We set the following goals for student achievement and program success: Students will attain 2-3 credits a semester; 100% will receive case management and set goals for educational, vocational, and personal achievement; 80% will improve their attendance rates; 80% will secure a vocational certificate; and 70% will report strengthened resume writing, job search, and interview skills.

AMOUNT REQUESTED: A \$35,000 grant would support the workforce readiness components of our program plus provide basic needs supports and student services for 50 youth. (Budget Attached.)

We also need and welcome volunteer support for this project! There will be many opportunities for Rotarians to mentor students one-on-one or in small groups—sharing professional expertise, hosting job-shadowing field trips, and assisting with career exploration, resume writing, interviewing, and applications. We also always need assistance in our CC Market family food pantry.

Our Rotarian Liaison is Eaton Dunkelberger.



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January 19, 2023

Community Service Committee, Rotary Club of Reno

Via Email: marlene@good-standing.com

Re: 2022/2023 Funding Round Letter of Interest, For Kids Foundation

Dear Community Service Committee:

This letter is an introduction to [For Kids Foundation](#) and request to apply for Rotary Club of Reno grant funding. Since 2003, For Kids Foundation fills in the gaps created by other programs to fund the urgent, unmet needs of Northern Nevada children (from birth to age 21) when there is no other known resource available.

\$35,000 Grant Requested for Our Before the Bell Program: Aware of an extreme need for low-income working families to have a safe place to leave Washoe County School District (WCSD) elementary-school-age children before the start of the school day, we created this program, first serving Lena Juniper Elementary School in January 2023.

With 37 [Title 1 elementary schools in WCSD](#), a \$35,000 grant could help fund our Before the Bell Program, offering approximately 80 children from low-income working families (20 children from 4 schools) peace of mind, knowing their child is safe, receiving academic support, and occupied with their friends prior to the start of each school day.

- Before the Bell offered to ~20 K-5th grade students at four participating WCSD schools
- Available 1.5 hours before the start of each school day (M-F or when in session) during [2023-2024](#) school year
- Approximately ~20 at-risk elementary students at each of four schools safely convene before the official start of the school day to receive help with homework, socialize with other students, and even enjoy arts/crafts projects
- For Kids Foundation covers the hard costs for one professional teacher and one assistant
- We identify four schools with ~20 at-risk youth in need of pre-start-of-school care
- We work with WCSD to implement the program
- WCSD is responsible for hiring one professional teacher and one aide. WCSD submits monthly invoices detailing the number of days the Program is implemented, the number of students in the Program, and the hard costs (salary/payroll taxes/benefits/Workers' Compensation—\$1200/mo per school)
- For Kids Foundation's participation is to identify four schools, advise on Program specifics, provide reimbursement to WCSD for the Program, conduct two site visits per school per school year, and obtain demographics/statistics to monitor efficacy.
- Rotary Liaison: Kirk Allaire

We would be honored to submit more detailed information should our request be considered for Rotary Club of Reno Grant Funding.

Very truly yours,

Annie Goni-Stewart
Executive Director, For Kids Foundation

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To: Rotary Club of Reno Community Service Committee — Letter of Interest

Name of Project: Children in Transition (CIT) Program Housing Assistance

Description of Organization: Washoe County School District (WCSD) is recognized as a 501(c)3 organization and the Children in Transition (CIT) program is one of several critical service areas in the Intervention Department tasked with advocating for the rights and supplying the needs of students who are identified as homeless in the WCSD. The CIT program is a largely underfunded federally mandated program that falls under the McKinney-Vento Act.

Name of Rotarian Liaison from our club: David Spillers and Jerry Hall

Amount Requested: \$35,000

Description of Need: The CIT program seeks to use the available \$35,000 to benefit our most vulnerable students in the WCSD. Our children experiencing homelessness face tremendous challenges related to academic gain and achievement while struggling to obtain and maintain adequate housing. Studies show that students experiencing homelessness have a higher likelihood of school dropout compared to their stably housed peers. For the estimated 3,000 children experiencing homelessness the CIT program provides opportunities to achieve high-quality academic standards by eliminating barriers to education and supplying academic services, supports, and advocacy.

Description of Project: As affordable housing options continue to decline more families are finding themselves in unstable housing situations. Washoe County is currently in a situation that has been described as a “perpetual housing crisis,” whereby fewer than a quarter of area households earn enough to qualify for a median-priced home, and the average rental cost is above \$1,600.

With everyday living costs increasing and affordable housing declining, the WCSD CIT program seeks to support families by supplying housing assistance beyond what is presently available. Currently, due to funding restrictions, we are unable to supply families in a housing crisis with more than three nights of assistance, and even then, housing funding to support these families is extremely limited. To make matters worse we are unable to support families with assistance to prevent an eviction. Through the Rotary direct funding assistance, we can greatly supplement our wrap-around services to better support our families in the area of housing.

Budget: We would utilize the \$35,000 to directly support families who would otherwise be forced out of their home or weekly hotel. While the exact extent of housing assistance is difficult to estimate, we anticipate that \$35,000 would potentially support 20-40 families, depending on their specific needs. This will help to stabilize the education needs of the student(s) involved by reducing the chance of disruptions due to the loss of housing.

If chosen as a potential candidate for funding, the CIT program would be happy to supply additional information related to current policies and restricts related to our current funding and the challenges we face to support our student’s experiencing homelessness.

Additional information that you are proud to share about this project: We look forward to partnering with the Reno Rotary Club. *The proposed funding request will go a long way to support our most vulnerable populations and will help our students experiencing homelessness to achieve academic success.*

January 20, 2023

Washoe County School District Children in Transition Program
Program Coordinator: Colin Usher 775-353-6938 colin.usher@washoeschools.net
Intervention Department Coordinator: Rechelle Murillo, MSW, LSW



Upcoming Events

FROZEN PARTY & MOVIE ~ March 25, 2023 ~ 10 am to 2 pm

The National Automobile Museum is partnering with Party America to host a movie party on the last day of each month and you're invited!

On March 25th, you'll have a chance to get your picture taken with some cool cars, enjoy treats and activities, then watch Frozen in the Museum Theatre at noon!

This event is free to all paid visitors and Museum members. Purchase a Family Membership at the Museum for half off — that's just \$35 a year for unlimited visits for up to five people! Membership gives you free admission to our monthly parties and to the Museum for 363 days a year!

Plus, all pre-registered party attendees will be entered for a chance to win one of 3 awesome raffle prizes. Must be present to win.

Saturday, March 25, 2023 | Party: 10 am to 12 pm | Movie: Starts at 12 pm

Pre-register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/frozen-party-and-movie-tickets-568678852757>

Become a Museum member at: www.automuseum.org/join



the 4 way test

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Rotary started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities.



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