

November is Rotary Foundation Month – Here's why!

Each year, Rotary International highlights November as Rotary Foundation Month to emphasize the importance of and need for Rotarian support of The Rotary Foundation.

Contributions from Rotarians around the world go to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund, which provides grants and awards through Foundation programs; and the Permanent Fund, an endowment from which only the earnings are spent in support of Foundation programs, ensuring the long term viability of the Foundation.

Every dollar contributed by Rotarians funds humanitarian and educational programs and program operations. Clubs and districts apply for and receive Foundation grants to carry out worthy projects worldwide, like our club's efforts with the Heartline Maternity Center in Haiti.

If Rotary is to be there to teach children to read, build wells, feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the poor; then **Every Rotarian is invited and encouraged to support the Annual Fund with a personal contribution, Every Year.**

How can I make a gift in support of the Rotary Foundation?

Visit the Rotary International website (www.rotary.org) to make your gift: one time, regular/sustaining (recurring gift at the timing of your choice), to the program area of your choice – all of the information is there for you to choose what would be most meaningful to you.

You may also use the pledge form available at all Rotary meetings or by contacting Susan Hommes, our club's foundation chair. Use this pledge form to provide a one-time gift in support of Rotary, or to sign up to have your name added to the list of club members who make regular contributions to Rotary Foundation via our quarterly Rotary billing statements. It's very simple – just talk to Susan for details!

Please return completed forms and any checks to either Susan Hommes or Bob Gullick, club treasurer. Or – you can visit www.rotary.org and click on The Rotary Foundation for additional information on ways to give, as well as to learn more about how our gifts make a difference around the world. **Let's meet the yearly challenge to get 100% WSP/MH participation in the annual fund this year, and set the standard for every year to follow!**

Examples of how your investment in the Rotary Foundation makes a difference:

- \$100 per year helps Rotary provide three backpacks filled with supplies for primary school children in Honduras; fifty malaria diagnostic tests to prevent, diagnose and treat malaria in Mali; and one biosand filter and water-hygiene training for a family in Peru.

- \$1,000 per year helps Rotary provide 14 HIV antiretroviral drugs to prevent the transmission of HIV from infected mothers to their babies in Liberia; one bicycle to play sports for youth with disabilities in France; and sexual assault and domestic abuse education for young women in Texas.

Visit www.rotary.org for great information about why your support will make a difference!