To leave the world a bit better,
whether by a healthy child, a garden patch
or a redeemed social condition;
to know that even one life
has breathed easier because you have lived -
that is to have succeeded.
Waldo Emerson

Every Rotary Club in District 5240,
through your selfless acts of generosity,
continue to leave the world “a bit better”.
Savi Bhim

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District Governor
2019-2020
District 5240
This is an unprecedented time in District 5240 communities...a challenge for nearly all of us.

But it is also an opportunity for Rotarians to find new, meaningful ways to support individuals and communities and do good in the world.

Please read about our District’s Service Above Self Covid-19 efforts and our humanity in motion!
DISTRICT 5240 DONATES $61,144 TO LOCAL FOOD BANKS

As the COVID-19 pandemic spread throughout Rotary District 5240, the 71 clubs throughout the district’s four Southern California regions, stepped up to serve their individual communities.

Rotary District 5240 provided money, through the District Charitable Foundation ($36,144) and a relief grant from the Rotary Foundation ($25,000), to assist those in need of food in each of their four regions by donating to local food bank distribution centers.
Members in this club concentrated on delivering funds (more than $3100) and food items weekly to H.E.L.P and Ojai’s Community Assistance Program, which provide basic needs and case management services for the low income and homeless residents of the Ojai Valley and home bound senior citizens.
ROTARY CLUB OF CHINA LAKE

Members shop for necessary supplies for their local branch of the Salvation Army and donated $1000 to help support the organization’s efforts as more people are showing up to receive support.

ROTARY CLUB OF BAKERSFIELD

Members donated $30,000 to the Golden Empire Gleaners to help alleviate hunger and provide food for those in need in the Kern County community.
The club collected $8600 to donate to the Mission of Bakersfield and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County and made masks for first responders.
This club created the #ConejoHeroes Project to help build community morale and rally around those who work the frontlines and to raise money for local charities.

The community was invited to purchase a sign to give a big shout out to all the working parents/teachers/grocery workers/1st responders/doctors and nurses and many more! Once a sign was purchased, the person was encouraged to place it in front of their heroes' home and/or essential workplace and take a photo!

The monies raised – 100% of the purchase price – is being donated to Senior Concerns and their local food bank Manna.
ROTARY CLUB OF SIMI VALLEY

The Rotary Club of Simi Valley is providing lunch to various essential businesses and frontline workers during this time! Members arranged have pizzas delivered from the Junkyard Café to frontline workers at Adventist Health Simi Valley, to the Ventura County Fire Department Station #44 and to a local Union Bank branch.

ROTARY CLUB OF CONEJO VALLEY

Club members also donated 2,400 masks to Los Robles Hospital.

ROTARY CLUB OF NEWBURY PARK

Club members joined with Meals on Wheels to deliver meals and other small acts of kindness from members included shopping for those who needed it most. They also place signs in their neighborhood thanking front line workers and teachers.

Meals on Wheels

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The Conejo Valley Rotarians are providing $50 gift cards to grocery stores to people directly affected by the COVID-19 closures of businesses in our area. With $50 as a $50 tax-deductible donation you can help and with $50 you can buy one card for a family in need. We will match donations dollar for dollar! Please help!
During the school year, students from low income households are entitled to free breakfast and lunch. Unfortunately, students living in San Simeon cannot get to the high school due to transportation issues. So members pick up the 40+ lunches each school day and deliver them to a central spot in San Simeon.

They also have collected money, bought groceries and packed bags to deliver to families in need with children. Through donated food and $27,000 in donations, they have been able to help keep their community fed!
The club donated $10,000 to two Ventura food pantries. They also created a Protein Plus Campaign where canned donations were donated and given to support local food banks. Each week, through their “Pay It Forward” project, the club donates $1000 to two local food pantries – the Salvation Army Ventura and Project Understanding. These two organizations are doing the hard work of sourcing and safely distributing food staples to hundreds of Ventura families each week during this crisis!

They also redirected funds earmarked for a different Interact project to a new project where students at home use 3D printers to create face shields that are being donated to hospitals and clinics locally!

The club provided food and services to students and families at Allan Hancock College. They also donated $1350 towards “Martha’s Market”, which provides services for people in need.
ROTARY CLUB OF BAKERSFIELD TWILIGHT

Members donated to the Kern County Community Partnership, which provides food for those in need and delivered masks to the Bakersfield Homeless Shelter.

ROTARY CLUB OF CARPINTERIA MORNING

Members pack and donate food through the Boys & Girls Club and Santa Barbara Food Bank every two weeks to more than 500 families.
This group of millennials started a program for filling the needs of our community through Facebook. They are the Tehachapi Humanitarian Relief Group. They are providing weekly groceries to six families on a regular basis, but also match people with goods or services based on their needs. The club has sent them financial support of $2500 - $2000 club funds and $500 an anonymous donation from a Rotary member. In addition the continue to take care of their community as they reach out to the elderly and those in need.

Members donated $5,000 to support ‘Harvest Bag’ operated by Cayucos Community Church. The program is a collaboration with San Luis Obispo Food Bank to provide bags of groceries and produce to local families in need from Mondays to Fridays. For the past 10 years, Cayucos Community Church has been providing bags of food to families in need.
ROTARY CLUBS OF CARPINTERIA

All three Carpinteria Rotary Clubs participate in the 93013 Fund, which distributes food to those families in need each week.

BAKERSFIELD BREAKFAST ROTARY CLUB

Members delivered $10,000 to the Golden Empire Gleaners and joined with other Bakersfield clubs to provide masks for local hospitals whose visitors need them.
De Tolosa Rotarians donated throughout the pandemic, including $10,000 to the SLO Food Bank and presented a $3750 check to the San Luis Coastal Unified District School Closure Impact Fund – helping to make a difference in the lives of students and families during these difficult times, as well as many other monetary donations.

Members purchased meals for families of four to be prepared by a chef and delivered throughout the community to clients of Atascadero Loaves & Fishes.
The Rotary Club of Santa Barbara Sunrise, through a grant from Rotary District 5240 and in partnership with the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara North, provided biodegradable bamboo wet wipes (1,200 packs) to Showers of Blessing. They also distributed signs to be placed on lawns and at businesses as a way to recognize essential workers and sewed and delivered masks for essential services.

Members distributed orchids to the Senior Care facility.
Members have raised and donated more than $44,000 to support seven local nonprofit charities, in addition another $52,000 global grant was given via grants to two local free clinics and a hospice.

NONPROFITS THAT BENEFITTED
Adelante Comunidad Conejo
Harbor House
Lutheran Social Services
Manna
Conejo Valley Food Bank
Safe Passages
Senior Concerns
Westminster Free Clinic
Gold Coast Veterans Foundation
Conejo and Westminster Free Clinics
Hospice of the Conejo
ROTARY CLUB OF GROVER BEACH/FIVE CITIES

Members presented a $500 check to the Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo to help feed 1824 local people. They supported their local fire department by delivering them lunch.

ROTARY CLUB OF PASO ROBLES

Led by their President Nicolette, who sewed masks, the club was able to distribute more than 300 masks for medical personnel, people at high risk and for the community.
ROTARY CLUB OF BAKERSFIELD WEST

Members donated car safety seats to families in need.

ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA PAULA

Members took it upon themselves to find families in their community who could use assistance and give directly to them. They also volunteer with Food Share distribution.
Members supported a program that is working on a Covid-19 prevention project in Mozambique to inform villagers of protective measures since they do not have televisions or radios.

Rotary is a testament to the power of the quiet heroes who work at the grass root level to make a monumental difference, one project at a time.

David C. Forward

Members purchased 10,000 FDA certified masks for distribution.
Members have been involved in numerous projects throughout their community.

1. They provided 35 meals once a week for first responders at Los Robles Hospital.

2. They partnered with other local charities to provide the needy with nutritious meals that they help prep and serve.

3. They supported Harbor House with funds to help feed the homeless and low-income population.
Members participate in packing the food cart boxes for the 93010Fund, which distributes them to local community-serving organizations.
ROTARY CLUB OF SIMI SUNSET

Members of this club volunteered at the Senior Center and helped the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts post signs around Adventist Hospital Simi Valley thanking the first responders for their service. The signs were created by Girl Scout Troop 60549 and Boy Scout Troop 698.
ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA

Members raised more than $10,000 and used its District Grant allocation to support the Santa Barbara Food Bank, United Way and the Boys & Girls Club’s Covid-19 response efforts.

ROTARY CLUB OF TEMPLETON

Members sponsored Courtney’s House, a nonprofit resource center for adults with intellectual & developmental disabilities.
Members have voluntarily donated the money they would have spent on lunch to a local nonprofits in need due to Covid-19. They also partnered with RISE SLO to collect donations for local shelters and food banks.

Members donated $3,000 to the Santa Barbara Foodbank in exchange for 250 bags of non perishable food which were distributed by Rotarians and Catholic Charities to families sequestering at home not normally served by the Foodbank.
ROTARY CLUB OF FILLMORE

Members packed and delivered meals to be given to families in their community.

ROTARY CLUB OF OJAI WEST

Members placed signs around the community to thank everyone who helped Ojai get through the quarantine.

Thanks To Everyone Who Went to Work Today and Everyone Who Stayed Home
ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA MARIA SOUTH

Members donated $2000 to their local food bank and gave donations to the Boys & Girls Club to help with their free meals program.

ROTARY CLUB OF OXNARD

Members supported the Nyeland Promise Pantry, which provide the residents of Nyeland Acres with support, resources, advocacy, encouragement, services and basic needs to transform their lives and families.
ROTARY CLUB OF NIPOMO

The club donated $2150 to the San Luis Obispo Food Bank.
Never believe that a few caring people can’t change the world. For, indeed, that’s all who ever have.
Margaret Mead

Members donated $3000 to support their African International project in Nigeria “Mossy Foot” for Covid PPE gear and medical supplies and another $1000 to the YMCA Ventura for childcare for emergency workers during Covid.

Members donated $1000 to support students and families in their coastal communities. School closures and economic uncertainty have put a lot of strain on struggling families trying to support at home learning.
ROTARY CLUB OF PISMO BEACH--FIVE CITIES

Members made a $20,000 donation to the San Luis Obispo Food Bank and they make weekly donations of food supplies to the Oceano Family Resource Center. In addition, the club has bought individual meals for needy family in their community.

ROTARY CLUB OF VENTURA SOUTH

Members volunteered not only their time at Food Share and Ventura Veteran's Home, but their money to support the following organizations:

- Boys & Girls Club of Ventura Greater - $2000
- Food Share - $1000
- St. Bonaventure High School Interact Club - $1000
Members understood the value and need for hand sanitizing to protect both employees and customers of Morro Bay’s essential businesses. To date they have delivered more than 250 bottles. In addition, members have committed individually to support local restaurants during especially during Zoom Socials on Take-Out-Tuesdays and Past-President Dan Costley accepted the call from member MB Fire Chief Steve Knuckles to manage volunteers for the CARES program by delivering prescriptions to the homebound. Several members have also participated in the county blood drive.
ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA NORTH

Members donated $4000 for monthly food boxes to desperate families in Mexico.

ROTARY CLUB OF GOLETA

Members volunteered their time at the Salvation Army Santa Barbara and donated cookies to Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital to thank the hospital workers for all that they have been doing during the pandemic.
Members donated $1000 to the Lompoc Food Pantry, which distributed bags of food to those in need, and $1500 to the St. Vincent De Paul Community Kitchen, which provides meals and support.

For many weeks, members arranged for food to be donated to the community food banks.
Members prepared and served more than 400 meals for local healthcare heroes at Adventist Health Bakersfield weekly.
Club members have sewed more than 300 masks for food bank staff and for delivery by the Bucket Brigade to nurses, agricultural workers, disaster feeding plan volunteers, County Public Health workers, homeless shelter workers and grocery store clerks.
As the COVID-19 pandemic spreads uncertainty and hardship around the world, our District 5240 Rotary clubs and members have shown care and concern for those affected, and made it known that even at a distance, we are there to help.

As people of action, our Rotary members have been and continue to be engaged in their communities — gathering for projects and offering help to those in need.