



Matching Grant Application The Rotary Foundation (TRF)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Explanation: Matching Grants support the humanitarian service projects of Rotary clubs and districts. In this section, describe in detail the humanitarian need your project will address, the intent of the project, how the project will be implemented, and how Rotarians will be directly involved in the project. Involvement is required of both the host and international partners.

Please provide the name of the project site, the city or village, state or province, and country. List multiple locations, if applicable.

Project site Kinshasa - Gombe

City/Village Kinshasa

State/Province Kinshasa

Country Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

Describe the project and the problem or need it will address, including the intended beneficiaries and how the project will benefit the community in need. Provide the estimated length of time needed to complete the project.

District 5580 Rotary Clubs will assist children and youth in the Democratic Republic of Congo with lower-limb disabilities (due to polio, other debilitating diseases, or accidents) by contributing to the purchase of brace-crafting materials by StandProud, an NGO operating six brace-crafting facilities around the country, and by financing the labor of 5 technicians. Through the provision-free of charge of custom-fitted leg braces made with locally-available materials, StandProud restores mobility and dignity to poor youth who are otherwise limited to crawling on "all fours," or who walk only with great awkwardness and difficulty. This project will last 12 months and fund specifically brace-making at the StandProud workshops in Kinshasa, the country's capital.

Describe how the benefiting community will maintain this project after grant funding has been fully expended.

StandProud beneficiaries gain the confidence and independence they need to become productive, contributing citizens in their communities. Many stay associated with the organization long after their own treatment has ended so as to assist other youth and children with disabilities to obtain similar help. StandProud has attracted local and international support for the mobility and dignity-enhancing work it does in DR Congo, as more and more people and organizations see the very tangible and life-changing results the project regularly obtains. Congolese Rotary Club members will provide additional contacts and support from the Kinshasa business community.

Describe specific activities of the host and international partners in implementing the project. What will the Rotarians who are members of the partner clubs do during the project? Please note that financial support is not considered active involvement. (See the Matching Grant application instructions for suggestions.)

The Congolese-based Rotary Club will participate in the project by assisting in the identification of needy beneficiaries for the project through members' neighborhood networks and by facilitating StandProud's contact with vendors who can provide the best materials at the lowest prices. Local Rotary Club members will also occasionally visit the center to provide moral encouragement and continually communicate the message to StandProud staff (all of whom themselves are disabled former beneficiaries of the project) that their work is important and highly appreciated. District 5580 will provide financial support to purchase the brace-making materials and to secure proper assembly by experienced technicians. Representative Rotarians from the district will visit the Kinshasa center at some point. While in-country, the visiting Rotarians personally assist with 1-2 weeks worth of hands-on work in center repairs, improvements and renovation and potentially with beneficiary walking practice.

HOST PARTNER

Explanation: The host partner is the club or district in the project country. A committee of at least **three** Rotarians must be established to oversee the project. All three committee members must belong to the primary club identified below for club-sponsored projects or belong to clubs in the district for district-sponsored projects. The committee members must be committed for the duration of the grant process. Please provide the primary address for all committee members, as all Rotary information will be sent to this address. It is highly recommended that the primary contact (who receives all information from TRF) have an e-mail address to expedite communication.

Primary Club/District

Club	Rotary Club of Kinshasa Binza	Club ID number (if known)	17247
District	9150	Country	Democratic Republic of the Congo

Primary Contact:

Name	BWESO KUZABIDILA		
	Member ID 657.07.35		
Club	Rotary Club Kinshasa Binza		
Rotary position	Présidente Commission Fondation Rotary du Rotary International		
Address	1113/E, Av/Kana, commune de Lemba, Kinshasa/ACC		
City	Kinshasa		
State/Province	Kinshasa	Postal code	Country République Démocratique du Congo
E-mail	bwesokuzabidila@yahoo.fr		
Home phone	+ 243 81 919 17 37	Office phone	Fax

Project Contact #2:

Name	BERTHARD de CHIVY		
	Member ID 346.37.87		
Club	Rotary Club Kinshasa Binza		
Rotary position	Secrétaire et Past President		
Address	Av Mondjiba 148/D		
City	Kinshasa		
State/Province	Kinshasa	Postal code	Country République Démocratique du Congo
E-mail	berthardwv@yahoo.fr		
Home phone	+ 243 81 941 64 97	Office phone	Fax

Project Contact #3:

Name	YVON YANGA		
	Member ID 333.75.71		
Club	Rotary Club Kinshasa Binza		
Rotary position	Responsable Programme Folio plus et Past President		
Address	Maison 3, campus, Commune de Mont-Ngafula		
City	Kinshasa		
State/Province	Kinshasa	Postal code	Country République Démocratique du Congo
E-mail	yelyyanga@yahoo.fr		
Home phone	+ 243 94 910 06 23	Office phone	Fax

INTERNATIONAL PARTNER

Explanation: The international partner is the club or district outside the project country. A committee of at least three Rotarians must be established to oversee the project. All three committee members must belong to the primary club identified below for club-sponsored projects or belong to clubs in the district for district-sponsored projects. The committee members must be committed for the duration of the grant process. Please provide the primary address for all committee members, as all Rotary information will be sent to this address. It is highly recommended that the primary contact (who receives all information from TRF) have an e-mail address to expedite communication.

Primary Club/District

Club	Fargo Rotary Club	Club ID number (if known)	
District	5580	Country	USA

Primary Contact:

Name	Heather Andrea Ranck	Member ID	
Club	Fargo Rotary Club		
Rotary position	Club Administration Chair		
Address	51 Broadway, Suite 505		
City	Fargo		
State/Province	ND	Postal code	58102
		Country	USA
E-mail	haranck@yahoo.com		
Home phone	701-361-3709	Office phone	701-239-5080
		Fax	701-237-9734

Project Contact #2:

Name	Jim O'Day	Member ID	
Club	Fargo Rotary Club		
Rotary position	Board member, Club Archivist		
Address	2991 Peterson Parkway		
City	Fargo		
State/Province	ND	Postal code	58102
		Country	USA
E-mail	jim.oday@odaymanagement.com		
Home phone	701-261-1214	Office phone	701-356-8434
		Fax	701-281-9770

Project Contact #3:

Name	Stan Kaufman	Member ID	
Club	Fargo Rotary Club		
Rotary position	Past President		
Address	3434 28st S, #302		
City	Fargo		
State/Province	ND	Postal code	58104
		Country	USA
E-mail	SKaufman@americanfederal.net		
Home phone	701 293 0420	Office phone	218-233-2791
		Fax	218 233 6609

PROJECT BUDGET

Explanation: For detailed information on what TRF funds, please see *The Guide to Matching Grants* (144-EN). Official RI exchange rates can be found at www.rotary.org. Please use the most recent rate.

Budget item	Name of supplier	Amount
Metal rods, pipes and pieces	Various (dependent on fluctuating availability)	Approx. \$ 3,000
welding supplies	Various (dependent on fluctuating availability)	Approx. \$ 160
adaptable 2 nd -hand shoes	Various (dependent on fluctuating availability)	Approx. \$ 2,600
Foam rubber	Various (dependent on fluctuating availability)	Approx. \$ 200
Hand saws and blades	Various (dependent on fluctuating availability)	Approx. \$ 100
drill bits	Various (dependent on fluctuating availability)	Approx. \$ 100
Rivets and buckles, etc.	Various (dependent on fluctuating availability)	Approx. \$ 160
Nails	Various (dependent on fluctuating availability)	Approx. \$ 100
Used truck tires (for cane feet)	Various (dependent on fluctuating availability)	Approx. \$ 100
Glue	Various (dependent on fluctuating availability)	Approx. \$ 80
Cobbler supplies	Various (dependent on fluctuating availability)	Approx. \$ 100
Leather	Various (dependent on fluctuating availability)	Approx. \$ 100
Generator fuel	Various (dependent on fluctuating availability)	Approx. \$ 800
Miscellaneous small items	Various (dependent on fluctuating availability)	Approx. \$ 100
Technician Labor (approx 5 persons)	ACDF (local disabled assoc.)	Approx \$ 6,500
replacement equipment due to wear or breakage	Various (dependent on fluctuating availability)	Approx. \$ 1,300
Transportation	Various (dependent on fluctuating availability)	Approx. \$ 500
		(Note: amounts spent on different items may vary from approximations above due to varying beneficiary needs, varying availability, and varying prices, but overall budget total will remain unchanged.)
Subtotal		\$16,000
Exchange rate used		US\$1=
Total in U.S. dollars		\$16,000

PROJECT FINANCING

Explanation: Clearly list all financing in U.S. dollars noting which funds will be contributed in cash and which will be contributed from District Designated Funds (DDF). Use of DDF must be authorized by the district Rotary Foundation committee chair and the district governor. TRF matches US\$0.50 for every \$1 cash contribution and \$1 for every \$1 contribution from DDF. The primary host club or district must provide at least \$100.

NOTE: No funds should be sent to TRF prior to official Trustee approval. Upon approval, a letter will be sent to the sponsors notifying them of approval and providing detailed instructions on how and where to submit their contributions.

Host Rotary clubs or district inside the project country (The primary host club or district must provide at least US\$100.)	Cash (US\$)	DDF (US\$)	DRFC Chair (Print Name)	DRFC Chair Authorization	District Governor (Print Name)	District Governor Authorization
Rotary Club of Kinshasa - Binza (Congo)	1,000					
International Rotary clubs or district outside the project country	Cash (US\$)	DDF (US\$)	DRFC Chair (Print Name)	DRFC Chair Authorization	District Governor (Print Name)	District Governor Authorization
Fargo Rotary Club	2,000					
Moorhead Rotary Club	500					
Fargo West Rotary Club	500					
FM/AM Rotary Club	500					
District 5580	2500	3,500	AL WATREL		ROLY TURNER	
Subtotals, Cash and DDF	4,500	3,500				
TOTAL cosponsor contributions						
Total funds requested from TRF (must be at least US\$5,000)	8,000					
Additional outside funding (not matched by, or forwarded to, TRF)						
Total project financing (must equal budget on page 4)	16,000					

PROJECT PLANNING

Explanation: Before an application is submitted to TRF, project partners should discuss various planning details. The questions below are a guide to aid project planning. Note that a Rotary club/district or Rotarian may not own anything purchased with grant funds.

Identify who will own equipment and maintain, operate, and secure items purchased with grant funds. (A Rotary club or Rotarian cannot own equipment.)

All braces will become property of the beneficiaries who are using them for mobility. Any brace-making equipment purchased will become the property of StandProud.

Will training in use and maintenance of technical equipment be provided? If so, who will provide training?
Where applicable, StandProud will take the lead.

Is software necessary to operate any items? If so, has software been provided?
N/A

Indicate what arrangements have been made for customs clearance if items will be purchased and shipped from outside the project country.

All supplies will be procured from within the country, or StandProud will handle customs clearance.

Provision of plumbing and electrification to structures where people live or work cannot be purchased with grant funds and must be funded with other sources. Have the sponsor clubs/districts planned and agreed to fund plumbing or electrification for equipment and appliances in existing buildings (hospitals, schools, libraries, orphanages, etc.)?
N/A

COMPETITIVE GRANTS

Explanation: Competitive grants are grants requesting US\$25,001 or above from TRF. Competitive grants are reviewed twice a year at the October and April Trustees' meetings.

If your grant request is for US\$25,001 or above, a community needs assessment must be included. This assessment should demonstrate how the proposed project

- Involves the benefiting community
- Is viable and will be maintained by the benefiting community after grant funds have been expended

Please refer to *The Guide to Matching Grants* (144-EN) and the RI Web site (www.rotary.org) for additional information.

AUTHORIZATIONS

Explanation: Authorizations ensure that both partners are aware of, and interested in, pursuing the described project. By signing below, the current club presidents for club-sponsored projects and current district grants subcommittee chairs for district-sponsored projects, as well as the committee members, agree to the criteria listed and affirm their support of the project.

All Rotary clubs, districts, and Rotarians involved in this project are responsible to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) for the conduct of the project and its subsequent reporting. The signatures of all involved parties confirm that they understand and accept responsibility for the project. Parties may either sign this page or submit a separate letter of commitment.

By signing below, we agree to the following:

- All information contained in this application is, to the best of our knowledge, true and accurate, and we intend to implement the project as presented in this application.
- The club/district agrees to undertake this project as an activity of the club/district.
- We ensure all cash contributions (as detailed in Project Financing) will be forwarded to TRF or directly to the project account after Trustee approval of the grant.
- RI and TRF may use information contained in this application to promote the project by various means such as *The Rotarian*, the RI international convention, *RVM: The Rotarian Video Magazine*, etc.
- The partners agree to share information on best practices when asked, and TRF may provide partners' contact information to other Rotarians who may wish advice on implementing similar projects.
- To the best of my knowledge and belief, except as disclosed herewith, neither I nor any person with whom I have or had a personal or business relationship is engaged, or intends to engage, in benefiting from TRF grant funds or has any interest that may represent a potential competing or conflicting interest. A conflict of interest is defined as a situation in which a Rotarian, in relationship to an outside organization, is in a position to influence the spending of TRF grant funds, or influence decisions in ways that could lead directly or indirectly to financial gain for the Rotarian, a business colleague, or his or her family, or give improper advantage to others to the detriment of TRF. (NOTE: Any and all exceptions must be explained in an attached statement.)

Host Partner		International Partner	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Club president (club-sponsored) <input type="checkbox"/> District grants subcommittee chair (district-sponsored)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Club president (club-sponsored) <input type="checkbox"/> District grants subcommittee chair (district-sponsored)	
Name	Georges Mvumbi	Name	Matt Langemo
Title	President	Title	President
Rotary Club	Kinshasa Binda	Rotary Club	Fargo Rotary
District #	9150	District #	5500
Signature		Signature	
Date	30 juillet 2010	Date	July 30, 2010

Primary Contact		Primary Contact	
Name	Dwiso Elizabetha	Name	Barbara Ann M. Vance
Signature		Signature	
Date	30 juillet 2010	Date	July 30, 2010
Project Contact #2		Project Contact #2	
Name	Bertrand de Cordier	Name	Jim [unclear]
Signature		Signature	
Date	30 juillet 2010	Date	July 30, 2010
Project Contact #3		Project Contact #3	
Name	Yvon Yanga	Name	Matt Langemo / Stan Kaufman
Signature		Signature	
Date	30 juillet 2010	Date	July 30, 2010

COOPERATING ORGANIZATION

Explanation: A *cooperating organization* is an organization that is directly involved in the implementation of the project, offering technical expertise and project coordination. A *benefiting entity* is the recipient of goods or services and is not considered a cooperating organization.

If this project involves a cooperating organization (neither a Rotary club nor the beneficiary of the project), provide the following:

Name of organization StandProud

Street Address 10250 Harrison Rd.

City, State/Province Loveland, Ohio

Postal code 45140

Country USA

Office phone 513-683-5787

Fax

E-mail info@standproud.org

Web address www.StandProud.org

In addition to the above, the following must be attached:

- Letter of participation from cooperating organization that specifically states:
 - Its responsibilities and how it will interact with Rotarians
 - The organization's agreement to cooperate in any financial review of the project
- A letter of endorsement from the host partner confirming that the cooperating organization works within that country's laws

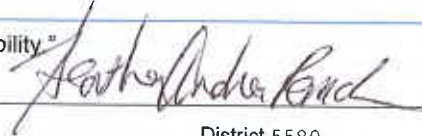
FINAL REPORT

Explanation: Although both partners are responsible for completing progress and final reports, the Trustees require that one partner take primary responsibility for submitting the final report to TRF. It is recommended that the club or district receiving the funds should take primary responsibility.

"By signing below, our club/district accepts primary reporting responsibility."

Print name Heather Andrea Ranck

Signature



Rotary club Fargo Rotary Club

District 5580

DISTRICT GRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR CERTIFICATION

Explanation: The Trustees require that the district grants subcommittee chair (DGSC) from either the host or international sponsor district certifies the application as complete. If the application is not complete or eligible, it will be returned to the host partner with a brief explanation.

"On behalf of the committee, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and ability this grant application is complete, meets all TRF guidelines, and is eligible for funding."

Print name of DGSC

Signature

District

Date

COMPLETION CHECKLIST

Before submitting your Matching Grant application, please take a moment to review this checklist. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Humanitarian Grant Coordinator for the project location.

- ☐ Does the project meet **all** grant policies and guidelines (see *The Guide to Matching Grants* [144-EN] or the RI Web site at www.rotary.org)?
- ☐ Does the project description clearly state how the project will assist those in need?
- ☐ Are the activities of the host and international partners clearly explained? Will the Rotarians be actively involved in the project?
- ☐ Have both the host and international partners created committees to oversee the project? Are these individuals correctly listed on the application with their complete contact information?
- ☐ Is a detailed, itemized budget included in the application?
- ☐ Are all partner contributions listed in the application, noting which contributions will be cash and which will be DDF?
- ☐ Have the DRFC chair and the district governor provided their signatures authorizing the use of District Designated Funds?
- ☐ Have the club presidents or district grants subcommittee chairs from the host and international partner provided their authorizing signatures?
- ☐ Have all six committee members provided their authorizing signatures?
- ☐ If a cooperating organization is involved, are the following letters included with the application:
 - ☐ Letter from the organization specifically stating its responsibilities, how it will interact with Rotarians, and agreeing to cooperate in any financial review of the project
 - ☐ Letter of endorsement from the host partner confirming that the cooperating organization is reputable and works within the laws of that country
- ☐ If the project involves a revolving loan or microcredit, is the Revolving Loan Fund Supplement and Credit Group Plan included?
- ☐ If the grant request is US\$25,001 or more, is a community needs assessment attached?
- ☐ Has the district grants subcommittee chair from either the host or international partner certified the application as complete and eligible?
- ☐ Is there a minimum of nine authorizing signatures included in the application?
- ☐ Have the partners made copies of all documents for their files prior to submitting them to TRF?

Complete applications should be sent to:



Humanitarian Grants Program
 The Rotary Foundation
 One Rotary Center
 1560 Sherman Avenue
 Evanston, IL 60201-3698 USA
 Fax: 847-866-9759
 E-mail: contact.center@rotary.org



ROTARY CLUB KINSHASA-BINZA

Club n° 17.247 District 9150

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1^{er} CLUB 100% PAUL HARRIS FELLOW (P.H.F.) DU DISTRICT 9150



Kinshasa le 30 juillet 2010

LETTRE D'ENGAGEMENT

Le Rotary Club Kinshasa Binza, N°17247 du District 9150, s'engage pour le versement à la Fondation Rotary du Rotary International de la somme de :

Mille dollars américains (1000 \$)

Pour le projet d'appui, avec le concours de l'ONG StandProud, à la fabrication d'appareils orthopédiques pour les enfants victimes de la poliomyélite..

Parrain du pays bénéficiaire : RC Kinshasa-Binza D-9150.

Parrain international : RC Fargo D-5580

Cette somme sera mise à la disposition de la Fondation Rotary, dès qu'elle sera demandée.

Fait à Kinshasa, le 30 juillet 2010

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Présidente Commission Fondation

Georges Mvumbi
Président 2010 - 2011

Translation of Rotary Club Kinshasa – Binza Letter

Kinshasa, 30 July 2010

To: Rotary Club Fargo
North Dakota
District 5580
Of Rotary International

Dear Friend(s),

Regarding: Acceptance of support for the project with the NGO StandProud

The Rotary Club Kinshasa Binza has the honor of informing you that the club voluntarily accepts to participate in the support project with the NGO StandProud, for the manufacture of orthopaedic equipment for children who are victims of polio.

In effect, the fight against polio is one of the main action sectors for Rotary International, so it would be logical for us to accept taking part in the initiative; above all for the persons who have been victims.

Our club will be the local contact and we are prepared to participate with an amount of \$1,000 (one thousand US dollars) or more.

We will, as such, together reinforce the troops and unite the continents.

Please receive our warm Rotary greetings.

Bertrand de Cordier
Secretary

Georges Mvumbi
President 2010-2011

Translated by Heather Andrea Ranck, Fargo Rotary Club



ROTARY CLUB KINSHASA-BINZA

Club n° 17.247 District 9150

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N/REF : 012/10-11/BdC



Kinshasa le 30 juillet 2010

Au Rotary Club Fargo
Dakota Nord
District 5580
du Rotary International

Cher (e) s Ami (e) s,

Concerne : Acceptation appui au projet avec l'ONG StandProud.-

Le Rotary club Kinshasa Binza à l'honneur de vous informer qu'il accepte volontier de participer au projet d'appui, avec l'ONG StandProud, pour la fabrication du matériel orthopédique pour les enfants victimes de la poliomyélite.

En effet, la lutte contre la poliomyélite est l'un des secteurs d'action phare du Rotary International, il serait donc logique que nous acceptions d'y prendre part. Surtout pour les personnes en ayant été victime.

Notre club sera donc le parrain local et est prêt à s'engager pour un montant à hauteur de 1000 \$ (Mille dollars américains).

Nous ferons, ainsi, ensemble l'effort de Renforcer les Collectivités, Rapprocher les continents.

Recevez nos très chaleureuses amitiés rotariennes.

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Secrétaire

Georges Mvumbi
Président 2010 - 2011

Translation of Rotary Club Kinshasa – Binza Engagement Letter

Kinshasa, 30 July 2010

LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT

The Rotary Club Kinshasa Binza, No. 17247 of District 9150 commits for payment to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International a sum of:

One thousand US dollars (1000\$)

For the support project, with the participation of the NGO StandProud, for the manufacture of orthopaedic devices for children who are victims of polio..

Beneficiary country district : RC Kinshasa-Binza D-9150
International District : RC Fargo D-5580

This sum will be submitted for the use by Rotary Foundation, from which it will be requested.

Made in Kinshasa, 30 July 2010

Bertrand de Cordier
Secretary

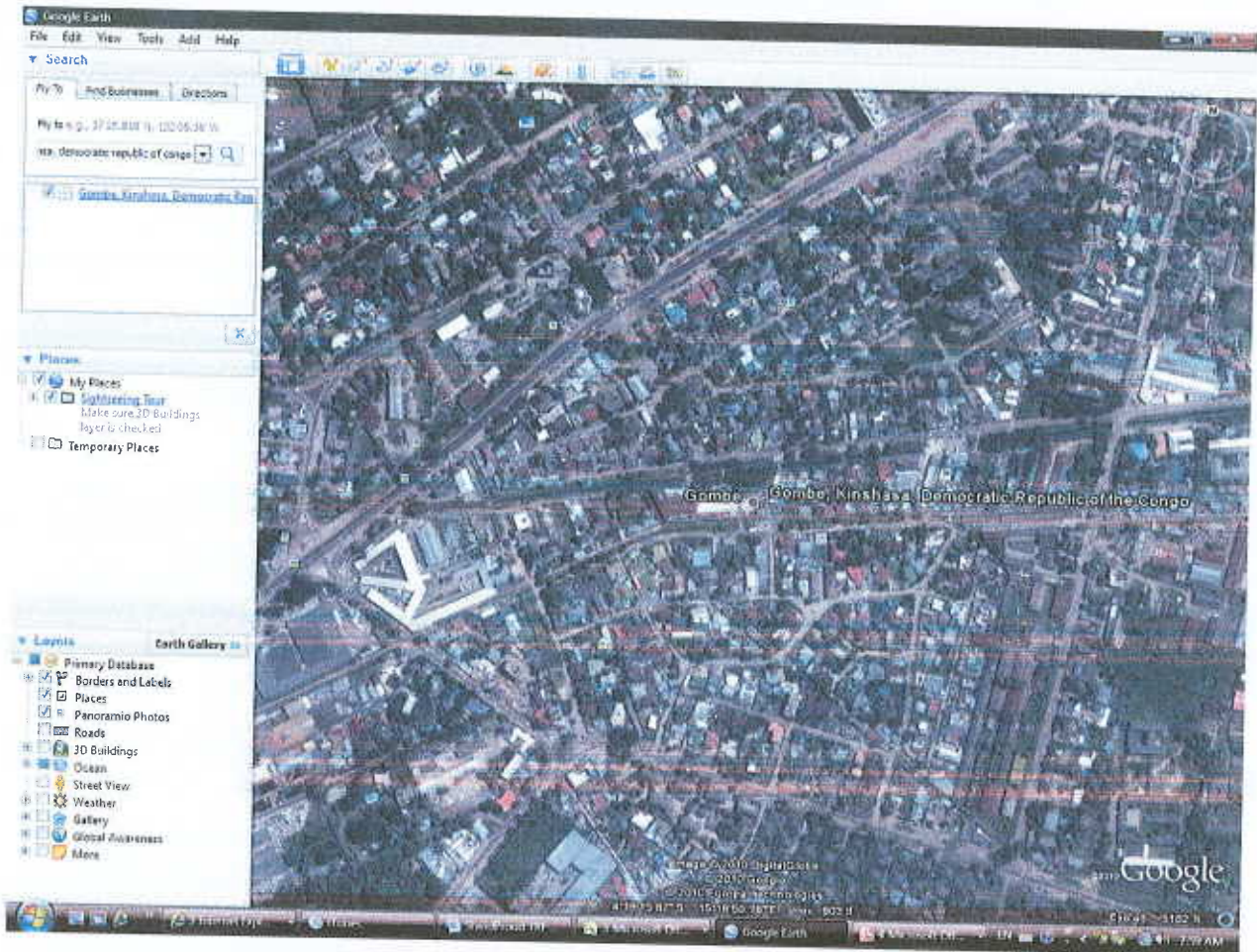
Georges Mvumbi
President 2010-2011

Translated by Heather Andrea Ranck, Fargo Rotary Club











Helping Polio Survivors and Youth with Other Disabilities in Africa to Walk

"Mobility, Dignity, Integration"

(formerly: IPVRC - International Polio Victims Response Committee)

10250 Harrison Road, Loveland, Ohio, 45140 USA

513-683-5787

www.standproud.org

Ms. Heather Andrea Ranck
Fargo Rotary Club
Fargo, North Dakota

July 30, 2010

Dear Ms. Ranck:

I am writing to you today to confirm StandProud/USA's participation in the joint Fargo-Kinshasa/Binza Rotary Clubs' new project to provide orthopedic equipment in the Democratic Republic of Congo, should this proposal be selected for funding.

As you have discussed in telephone communications with StandProud Board of Directors member Nancy Bolan, StandProud accepts responsibility for ensuring that project funds are spent only for the purposes of financing the materials, labor and transportation for the crafting of leg braces and related accessories (e.g. canes, belts, etc.) in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo. Beneficiaries of the project will be Congolese children and youth with lower limb disabilities for whom such aids can significantly enhance mobility, dignity and independence, but who lack sufficient financial resources to purchase the equipment from a commercial source. Beneficiaries will receive the equipment from StandProud free of charge.

The braces and related orthopedic equipment will be crafted by StandProud's established partner in Congo, the Association Congolaise "Debout et Fier" (or "ACDF"). As the average cost of producing a single, long leg brace with a lockable knee hinge is \$100, counting labor, parts and tool use, StandProud will finance and supervise the production of at least 160 such braces through ACDF, (or the equivalent value in a combination of long braces, short braces, corsets, pelvic belts, canes or walkers) with the \$16,000 budget of the project. StandProud will submit to participating Rotary organizations a mid-term progress report during the seventh month of project implementation, and a final report within 45 days after the project end date. Financial records concerning the project will remain open to Rotary's inspection for a period of one year following project completion.

StandProud personnel will interact with Rotarians at two levels: through reports and photographs sent to participating Rotary organizations in the United States, and through participation in the hosting of visits to the ACDF brace-crafting center by members of the Rotary Club of Binza-Kinshasa, StandProud's partner in this initiative.

If you need additional information, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Jay A. Nash
Chair