

In 2018, Rotarian Curt Hoff of the Rotary Club of Marshalltown writes:

**The Rotary Club of Marshalltown would like to thank the many clubs and individuals from Rotary District 6000 who have provided help since the devastating tornado that descended on our town July 19th. We have been blessed with an outpouring of support, both through donations and physical labor.** The City of Marshalltown, our downtown businesses, industries including Lennox and JBS, as well as the hundreds of homes affected by the tornado will have a long road to recovery.

Your help has had, and will have, a tremendous impact on our rebuilding efforts. Rotarian Dennis Drager reported that as of Aug. 22, we have received about \$5,300. The first \$1,000, our board sent directly to MICA (Mid-Iowa Community Action) for immediate relief. Our board will meet to discuss the best way to utilize/leverage the additional/future funds. Service Above Self has been demonstrated over and over during the last month. There are countless stories of people that have shown up at strangers' homes, knocked on doors to ask how they can help, or just started cleaning up areas that so obviously needed it. Neighbors helping neighbors, strangers helping strangers, all without any expectation of reward or acknowledgment. We have no way to identify the Rotarians from the other good Samaritans, but we know so many of you were out there, and we wish to say thank you!

We know that we are facing a long recovery, but with the efforts of people within and outside of our community we will continue to move forward. We will be a stronger community, as we emerge from this catastrophe. Marshalltown Strong!