

District 6040
Rotary Foundation Annual
Report Rotary Year 2023-24



Summary

The 2023-2024 Rotary year was a great year under the leadership of our District Governor, Randy Steinman. Rotarians were doing great things in our communities and throughout the world. Rotarians, continue to be experts at “doing good in the world”.

In 2020-2021, Rotarians in District 6040 donated \$273,004.08. to Annual Fund/SHARE of The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Three years later, in 2023-2024, District 6040 received one-half that amount (\$150,516.18) in **District Designated Funds**, one-half to be used for district grants and scholarships and one-half to be used for Global Grants and scholarships. Additionally, the district received \$9,120.20 in Endowment Fund/SHARE earnings and carry-over Global Grant Funds of \$94,641.34 from previous years. From these funds, the district made the following **investments in 2023-2024**:

District Grant projects in our local communities (sponsored with District Grants funds)
- \$50,336 from our Rotary Foundation donations was invested directly in Missouri communities* through district grants. With club and community support, these projects totaled \$112,571.

*one International Grant was funded.

District Grants – Nineteen clubs received funds to invest in their communities.

- **Chillicothe** – Create "Sensory Experience" for Autistic children in Chillicothe Schools. These funds will create a room with toys, blankets, furniture, books and accessories focused on children with autism spectrum disorders. Items to be provided to youth include sensory pads, star projectors, noise cancelling headphones, sensory swing and lights, autism balance cushions, weighted lap animals and blankets, and misc. Total project \$5,034.49; District grant \$2,500.00. Number of children served: Many.
- **Independence** – Help victims of domestic violence get set up in new homes. This grant will provide some or all of the following items for up to 20 victims/families of gender based violence: bed frames, dressers, lamps, couches, tables and chairs, kitchenware, small appliances and security lighting. Victim will receive a voucher to exchange for those items at a local not for profit, Truman Habitat for Humanity. Total project \$5,000.00; District grant \$2,500.00. Number of children served 20.
- **Kansas City** – Work with Sleep in Heavenly Peace; a 501c3, to build 20 beds for underprivileged children in KC area. These children do not currently have beds and are sleeping on couches or the floor. Total material cost per bed is \$250.00. Labor will be provided by the club at a build day organized by Sleep in Heavenly Peace organization at their facility. Total project \$5,000.00; District grant \$2,500.00. Number of children served 20.
- **Kansas City – Plaza** – Providing the Stronghold Food Pantry, 501c3, a commercial refrigerator to help them serve military families with food insecurity. Club members will help organize the space as well as restock, unpack and sort newly donated items. Total project \$3,112.30 District grant \$1,500.00.
- **Kansas City – Plaza** – Work with youth in retrofitting solar panels to be used for charging electronics and shipped to war-torn Ukraine to improve communications. Youth group of intercity residents will work on building the solar panel charger units. Peace will be the issue discussed with the youth as they assemble units. Total Project \$4,251.23 District Grant \$2,500.00.
- **Kansas City – South** – Ozanam School; a residential treatment center has a baseball field and volleyball area on their campus for use by the youth in the program. This project will refurbish and revitalize both of these facilities. Project will purchase landscaping for the field(s) including new sand, dirt, a new pitchers mound, foul posts, fencing, new dugouts, and bases for the softball and baseball programs. Total Project 6,081.00 District Grant \$2,500.00.
- **Kirksville** – Forrest Lake area trails system. This project will electrify the trail head so that the long-term development can include a public restroom, picnic pavilion and concrete parking lot with lighting. This Rotary club has provided metal benches and a nature playscape at the trailhead. Total project \$13,100.00; District grant, \$2,500.00.

- **Kirksville – Thousand Hills** – The Adair County Schools have an Anti-bullying campaign in their middle school. This project will bring in a motivational speaker who focuses on "inspiring measurable acts of kindness" with groups. School district is trying to impact the culture at the middle school of 500 students. This will also involve the high school Interact Club as they serve as peer mentoring. Total project \$5,014.16; District grant, \$2,500.00. Number of children served 500.
- **Lee's Summit** – Working with Hillcrest Transitional Housing. 40 volunteers from the Rotary Club will be trained as trainers in a "train the trainer model" or budget counselors to work with the homeless people. They will also provide IT support. This grant will allow them to reach more homeless residents with the training. This is financial literacy training. Total project \$5,031.25; District grant \$2,500.00
- **Liberty** – William Jewell College; Freedom Walk recognizes the impact of Slavery on the college and how the college benefitted from the work of slaves. There will be eight story boards and landscaping on the Freedom Walk and in the Quad area that will be constructed with this District Grant. Total project \$6,000.00; District grant \$2,500.
- **Liberty #2** – Phase 2 of construction of Freedom Walk around the quad at Williams Jewel University. This involves explaining the history of slavery and William Jewel's involvement. This phase will honor the Black employees of the University during the time that it was segregated from 1850-1962. Total project \$5,000.00; District grant \$2,500.
- **Macon County** – The project is a holiday light replacement project for downtown Macon. Downtown Macon seeks activities to encourage shoppers and visitors to stores, restaurants, and the Maples Theatre. A festive downtown will inspire patrons and shopping. They have holiday decorations that have been utilized since the 1990's. Those need to be repaired and additional items created. Club will be handling the labor Total project \$4,845.06; District grant \$2,500.00. Number of people served 100+.
- **Marceline** – Walt Disney Park: Purchase and installation of one permanent bean bag toss game for the park with all of the necessary infrastructure to facilitate the game. It is in addition to one the club provided several years ago. The club has been a long time supporter of improvements to this park.. Total project \$1,637.98; District grant \$850.00.
- **Odessa** – Rocky Roots Trail; Construct a loop trail around a lake at the city reservoir. Providing paving of the loop trail and creating a native pollinator planting area as well as removing invasive species in the area. This will be a hiking trail for the community. Total project \$5,320.00; District grant \$2,500.00.

- **Raytown** – Behavioral Health Urgent Care Clinic: Finance the creation of social media posts targeting the adolescent population in the community to tell them about the availability of these local mental health services. It will also finance some print materials to be used to promote the availability of these services to youth in the community at various events in the community. Total project \$1,912.27; District grant \$750.00. Number of children served 1000's.
- **Richmond** – Rotary Park Downtown: Provide picnic tables and landscaping at pavilion area around the newly installed Rotary Clock in downtown Richmond. Total project \$4,492.75; District grant \$2,336.00. The number of people served thousands.
- **St. Joseph East** – Work with Sleep in Heavenly Peace; a 501c3, to build 20 beds for underprivileged children in St Joseph area. These children do not currently have beds and are sleeping on couches or the floor. Total material cost per bed is \$250.00. Labor will be provided by the club at a build day organized by Sleep in Heavenly Peace organization at their facility. Total project \$5,000.00; District grant \$2,500.00. Number of children served 20.
- **St. Joseph Southside** – Work with Sleep in Heavenly Peace; a 501c3, to build 20 beds for underprivileged children in St Joseph area. These children do not currently have beds and are sleeping on couches or the floor. Total material cost per bed is \$250.00. Labor will be provided by the club at a build day organized by Sleep in Heavenly Peace organization at their facility. Total project \$5,000.00; District grant \$2,500.00. Number of children served 20.
- **Tarkio** – Purchasing refurbished sousaphone for Tarkio High School band. Allow more students to participate in the arts program. The school currently only has on sousaphone and it is a 1962 model instrument. Total project \$5,000.00; District grant \$2,500. Number of people served, entire community.
- **Tarkio #2** – Purchasing two new Baritones and one new Marimba for the Tarkio High School band to replace old and inoperable instruments. There is an Interact Club at this high school. Total Project: \$5,000.00; District Grant \$2,500.00.
- **Waldo-Brookside** – The Children's Place; an early childhood and mental health treatment facility: Replace the fencing around the young children's playground to enhance the safety of the playground. Total project: \$5,500.00; District grant \$2,500.00.
- **Weston** – Weston City Park: Replace the lighting for the basketball and tennis courts at the park. Club will provide all of the fixtures and poles for the project. Provide reliable and adequate lighting to increase the use of these facilities at the park. Total project \$6,239.32; District grant \$2,500.00. Number of people served 1,000+.

**Global Grants - District 6040 invested
\$27,500 of our District Designated Funds for Global Grant projects.
With funding from other Districts, clubs, and
World Funds, the total funding for Global Grant projects
in which our District or clubs were a part of totaled \$1,196,668.**

Global Grants –

- **Parkville Club:** The purpose of this project is to benefit twelve (12) communities of about 18,000 people in Yumbe, Uganda with water, sanitation, hygiene, and point-of-use filters. The goal of this grant is to provide the services to the communities and demonstrate their impacts. Host Club: Arua, Uganda D9213. District Funds; \$2,500.00. World Fund: \$45,800.00 Total Project: \$118,654.00.
- **Blue Springs & Trenton Clubs:** Water and Sanitation with High Impact in Ghana will drill 50 new wells, provide 4 small town water systems, and build 385 microflush toilets. We will administer micro-credit loans for wells and household toilets. 20 farmers and small businesses shall receive lending support to boost their trades. This will improve the economic strength of our communities. World Fund \$57,148.00; Total Project: \$239,000.00.
- **District 6040:**
 - **Rwandan Nurses Saving Lives: A Rheumatic Heart Disease Project** District Funds; \$7,500.00. World Fund; \$34,000.00. Total Project; \$123,852.00.
 - **Celebration of the Hearts III: Heart Disease Treatment in the Philippines** District Funds; \$2,000.00 World Fund \$15,200.00; Total Project \$35,300.00
 - **Mobile Emergency Clinic – Ukraine** District Funds; \$1,000.00. World Fund; \$36,800.00 Total Project \$85,000.00.
 - **Head to Heart Vocational Training Gender Based Violence training in South Africa.** District Funds; \$5,000.00. World Fund; \$22,488.00. Total Project \$74,168.00
 - **Restoring Hope. Rebuilding Lives. Gender Based Violence Prevention in Mengo-Kisenyi, Uganda.** District Funds; \$3,000. World Fund; \$68,400.00. Total Project; \$158,320.00
 - **Pediatric and Special needs Dental care unit provide medical equipment and training in pediatric dentistry to the University of the Western Cape Dental Hospital** District Funds; \$2,500.00 World Fund; \$15,200.00 Total Project \$61,000.00.
 - **Heart 2 Heart (Zone 30-31 HOA Districts to Central Mexico Districts):**
 - **Breast Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment.** District Funds; \$1,000.00 World Fund \$39,523.00; Total Project \$98,447.00.
 - **Rain harvesting for rural communities.** District Funds; \$1,000.00 World Fund \$77,301.00; Total Project 182,927.00.

- **Global Grant Scholarships:**

- Afolabi Salami to pursue a Graduate Degree at the Clinton School of Public Service District Funds; \$1,000.00. World Fund: \$21,500.00 Total: \$50,000.00.
- Petraq Kosho to pursue a Graduate Degree at the Clinton School of Public Service District Funds; \$1,000.00. World Fund: \$13,300.00 Total: \$30,000.00.

Rotarians and donors contributed over \$50 million in 2023-2024 to PolioPlus bringing the total to \$150 million with \$100 million in funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Donations to the Rotary Foundation ending June 30, 2024 totaled \$351,664,000 and Total Foundation program awards in 2023-2024 were \$278,705,000.

***Thank you, District 6040 Rotarians, for
Doing Good in the World!***