In 1917, RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world” and The Rotary Foundation was born. Nearly 100 years later, Rotary has touched the lives of millions of people, providing health, education and opportunity where it is needed most. We hope that you take great satisfaction in the impact you have had in your own community and around the world through Rotary’s Foundation.

If you are like most Rotarians, you have experienced a lifetime of successes and challenges. You have seen Rotary grow and expand its reach. You understand the importance of providing long-term support that will continue to improve the lives of future generations. Rotary is your partner, now and into the future.

You can make a gift today and Rotary will provide fixed payments to you and your spouse for life and then support Foundation programs in perpetuity. This gift, a charitable gift annuity, turns cash or stock into an income stream. With rates ranging from 4 to 9 percent, a gift annuity may help you “unlock” the income potential of low-yielding assets.

**What is your Rotary passion?**

We encourage you to designate how the earnings on your gift will someday be used. You may elect to support water projects, or education, for example. Or you might prefer that a portion of the earnings go to your district each year. Your choice—your legacy. Help celebrate Rotary’s century of strength and compassion with your gift today.

Continue reading to learn more about how Rotary is your partner for a better future.
You may wish to accomplish your financial and charitable goals with one special gift. Enjoy the security of fixed payments for life and the satisfaction of knowing you will be helping Rotary build a better future for individuals around the world.

Giving in this way is quite simple. You donate cash or appreciated securities to Rotary in exchange for Rotary’s agreement to make fixed payments to one or two beneficiaries* for life. Your payment rate depends on the beneficiaries’ ages when the annuity is funded.

After all lifetime payments have been made, the balance of your gift annuity will be used to provide ongoing support for Rotary Foundation programs. Whatever program you choose, your gift will go on giving!

The Many Benefits of a Charitable Gift Annuity with Rotary

- provide lifetime payments for you and/or loved ones that will not change with interest rate or market changes.
- supplement retirement assets.
- unlock additional income from appreciated stock or low-yielding investments.
- reduce or delay capital gains tax that would be due if you sold the assets.
- qualify for a charitable income tax deduction at the time you make your gift.
- receive a portion of each payment free of federal income tax for a period of time.
- payments are backed by the unrestricted assets of The Rotary Foundation.
- receive Major Donor recognition for the full amount of your gift.

WHO CAN BENEFIT?

Minimum Gift Amount $10,000
Minimum Beneficiary Age 50*
Number of Annuitants 1 or 2

*Beneficiaries: You, spouse, partner, sibling, child, friend, or others.
The Rotary Foundation welcomes the opportunity to express its appreciation for your generosity should you decide to fund an annuity or make a provision in your estate plans. When you share with others that you are one of a growing number of Rotarians who are providing gifts and/or a commitment to the Foundation, you may just encourage someone else to follow in your footsteps.

Rotary recognizes outright gifts and charitable gift annuity contributions with Major Donor recognition.

Rotary is pleased to recognize as a benefactor those who commit any amount in their estate plan to the Foundation’s Endowment Fund. Benefactors receive special insignia to wear with a Rotary pin and a personalized certificate. Those who commit to a gift of U.S. $10,000 or more will receive membership in the Bequest Society, which provides special updates, invitations and other materials including an exclusive pin and engraved crystal.

Join the many generous Rotarians who have made commitments to the future of Rotary through the Endowment Fund by planning your Rotary legacy today.

We look forward to working with you to celebrate Rotary’s century of strength and compassion.

REAL BENEFITS FOR ALL CONCERNED

PDG David and Shirley Fihn (Rotary Club of Detroit Lakes-Noon, MN) funded their first gift annuity with Rotary in 1993. They have been so pleased with the benefits that they made a series of gifts to support Rotary and supplement their retirement income. In doing so, they have built a strong legacy and financial security for their family.

PDG David’s support for Rotary’s Endowment is a natural outgrowth of his service through Rotary. In 2005 he was awarded the Service to Humanity Award in recognition of his dedication in providing dental care to refugees and communities in need during more than 14 mission trips abroad. The Fihns enjoy knowing that the remainder of their annuities will support the Endowment Fund-World Fund, providing ongoing support for Rotary Foundation projects.

Thank you for your generous support.
Bill and Linda Richter (Rotary Club of Manhattan, KS) knew they were “doing well by doing good” when they made gifts to Rotary that balanced their charitable and financial goals. Rotary’s gift annuities provide them with guaranteed payments for life and the satisfaction of knowing the impact of their generosity will continue beyond their lifetimes through Rotary’s Endowment. Bill says the Endowment “is the best way to ensure that Rotary has the resources it needs to do good in the world for generations.”

Rotary’s global focus is a great fit for Bill’s professional interests and personal values. He taught Political Science at Kansas State University for 42 years and helped launch their Office of International Programs. Bill is proud that District 5710 successfully nominated four Rotary Peace Fellows during his tenure as committee chair. Rotary recognized Bill’s dedication with the Foundation’s Citation for Meritorious Service in 2011.

Gift annuities allow Bill to provide for his family now and provide for Rotary programs into the future. Today’s gift—tomorrow’s legacy.

GET STARTED!

Contact Rotary’s Planned Giving team to discuss how a charitable gift annuity might fulfill your financial and charitable goals.

Just tell us how you want your gift to help your family and build your Rotary legacy and we will prepare a no-obligation sample illustration that outlines the payments and potential tax benefits.

When you are ready to fund your gift annuity, we will give you instructions for making your contribution and prepare the paperwork for you to sign.

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You’ll find helpful information on gift and estate planning.

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