



# Doing Good in the World

Thanks to you, The Rotary Foundation truly is “doing good in the world.”

## Reaching the world



Rotary International is a worldwide organization. It was founded in Chicago in 1905 with the motto, “Service Above Self.” Today, it has some **35,000 clubs** around the globe, encompassing more than **1.2 million members**.



Soon after the organization’s founding, Rotary members realized they needed a mechanism to carry out their **commitment to service**. Thus, they created The Rotary Foundation in 1917 for the purpose of “doing good in the world.”

## Tradition of service



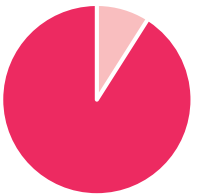
The Rotary Foundation’s founding mission remains firmly in place. That mission is “To enable members to **advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace** through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty.”

## Depth of resources



The Rotary Foundation began with an initial contribution of just \$26.50. In the century since then, that first, modest contribution has prompted **a fund that now totals more than \$3 billion** spent on life-changing, sustainable programs around the world and in your neighborhood.

## Fiscally sound



The Rotary Foundation **spends 91% of its money directly on Rotary programs**. This puts the Rotary Foundation among the top most fiscally responsible such agencies anywhere. What this says is that your money is going where you want it to go, and it is doing what you want it to do.