

WEEK 18 FOUNDATION MINUTE – INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

November is Foundation month for Rotary. The Rotary Foundation's (TRF) Trustee Chair, Ravi Ravindran, shared his perspective on successful investment in the November, 2020 Rotarian Magazine. During this month, Rotarians worldwide are encouraged to support the humanitarian efforts of OUR Rotary Foundation through its many projects, scholarships and philanthropic partnerships around the world. Ravi said "The Rotary Foundation offers the best opportunity I know for us to invest in a better future for communities around the world."

"The success of TRF's global grants model is unmistakable. At its introduction in 2013-14, TRF awarded 868 grants worth over \$47 million. By 2019-20, the number of approved grants had arisen to 1,350, worth over \$100 million." While the number of grants increased by more than 50% and funding by 123%, contributions to the Annual Fund showed only a 5% increase! "To reach those who need us, to spread the love that our Foundation brings, we will need to rise to this challenge and work together to meet our funding needs."

Mother Teresa once said that if we want a message of love to be heard, it has to be sent out. To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it." Ravi suggests that TRF offers the best opportunity to invest in a better future for communities around the world. Donations to The Rotary Foundation are the "oil that keeps our grants burning bright – reaching the ones who need us most." Thanks, Ravi, for the investment tip! Donate generously to The Annual Fund!