

## WEEK 43 FOUNDATION MINUTE – ROTARY’S MOTHERS

This Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> is Mother’s Day – when we stop to honor the Mothers in our own lives and all Mothers. The current time of social distancing has forced us to postpone the hugs, kisses and celebrations of Mother’s Day this year, to be replaced with phone calls and family Zoom meetings. Many of us will pause to remember how our own mothers instilled in us the values of giving to others, serving those less fortunate, and approaching life with love.

Rotary service also inspires us to respond when we see needs in our communities and around the world. It is impossible to ignore the pleas of mothers with hungry children in areas of food scarcity; to be silent in the face of injustice and inequality; to see a mother’s relief after her child receives the polio vaccine. We are inspired to support disaster relief, providing funding for short-term shelter, fire and hurricane rebuilding projects and CoVid relief. And as our own mothers did, to offer the gift of literacy by reading to children.

This Mother’s Day, plan to honor your own mother by helping a mother you will never meet. Support a Rotary project helping mothers however and wherever you can.