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**Rotary District 7870 \$340,848.00 COVID-19 Global
Grant Project Has Touched over Million People in New
Hampshire and Vermont, US**

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Rotarians are volunteers. They come from various walks of life. They excel in their own professions. They come together as Rotarians and bring their time, talent and treasure to help their fellow human beings who are a little less fortunate than they are and those could be across the street locally or across the oceans globally. Basically Rotarians are volunteers who come together to do good in the world.

True to that Rotary ideal, Rotary District 7870 (southern NH and southern VT), Since 2014 has collaborated with sixteen different countries to participate in 34 global grant projects worth over \$3.2 million with following life altering impacts on more than million men, women and children in the following areas of focus:

Disease prevention and	138,160 men, women & children are benefitting every
Water and sanitation	Providing Clean potable water to 103,400 men, women & children every year and also providing sanitation training
Maternal and child health	1000 mothers/yr. and 8820 children/yr. are benefitting
Basic education and literacy	30,500 students/yr. are benefitting, 400 teachers/yr. are being trained and adult literacy for 500 per year
Economic & community development	Through microfinancing 62 families have become self-supporting. Program is continuing to benefit more families

With CORONA Pandemic, the Rotary Foundation has encouraged the Rotarians to attend to food shortages, medical equipment and personal protection equipment (PPE) needs of their communities.

Under the leadership of DG Steve Puderbaugh (DGE at that time), PDG Tony Gilmore, DGN Randell Barclay and Stewardship Chair Dianne Barclay, it is truly historic that Rotarians from 35 out of the 59 clubs in the District have participated in three COVID Global Grant Projects and contributed \$114,000.00. The District 7870 contributed \$70,000.00 DDF. District 7850 (Northern VT, Northern NH and part of Canada) has also contributed \$15,000.00 DDF. The Rotary Foundation match is \$141,848.00. This resulted in an award of three global grant projects with total worth of \$340,848.00. District 7870 is also awarded an additional \$25,000.00 Disaster Relief Grant.

The total food banks need was \$75,159.00 both in New Hampshire and Vermont. Because of the COVID global grant requirement that the request for food in each global grant cannot exceed 30% of the grant or \$30,000.00, whichever is higher, the District made three distinct COVID global grant proposals to accommodate the need for the food banks requirements in both the States.

\$340,848.00, the combined value of three COVID global grant projects, supports \$75,159.00 for NH and VT Food Banks and \$259,152.00 for COVID related medical equipment and PPEs. NH and VT Food Banks, in turn, support Food Bank needs of twenty-one towns in NH and VT. Beside PPE, some of the clubs' donations are toward first responders commercial disinfecting equipment for ambulances, infecting mitigation equipment for a non-profit dental clinic, non-perishable emergency rations for a police department - and that is just a sampling of the donation recipients.

We, as Rotarians have every reason to feel proud about supporting our communities and, at the same time, realizing the Rotary Foundation's power of leveraging Rotary dollars. The number of people, directly and indirectly, positively affected from these three grants is in the neighborhood of one million.