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**The Rotary Foundation Makes it much easier**

By Carl Good III



Several years ago, **Merrimack Valley** Rotary received a Rotary **Global Grant** to support a **clinic** in **Bangladesh** for **children** with **physical challenges,** including **polio.** This was subsequent to my participation (shown, right) in a **Bangladesh National Immunization Day** with a Rotary group headed by **All Lee Hussey**.

[Watch this YouTube video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iz4a4yuYFHM&feature=youtu.be), which documents the results. **The Rotary Foundation** made this donation much easier than trying to do it without their help.

**Individual Foundation donations** are very welcome. For **The Rotary Foundation Donation Form**, with the **“Individual**” and **“Polio Plus Fund”** boxes highlighted, [click here](https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050053/en-ca/files/homepage/rtf-donation-form-with-individual-and-polio-plus-fund-selected-pdf-format/RTF-Donation-Form-with--Individual--and--Polio-Plus-Fund--selected---PDF-Format.pdf).

Thanks very much for your help. I would appreciate suggestions for raising our donation levels.

To **learn more** on **End Polio Now**, [click here](https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/end-polio)

**Worth a listen**

A recent science podcast interviewed Dr. **Jay Wenger**, MD (shown, right), director of [polio-eradication efforts](http://www.gatesfoundation.org/What-We-Do/Global-Development/Polio) of the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**. It is one of the best descriptions of the program that I have heard – and is worth a listen.

Dr. Wenger discusses the history of wild poliovirus, including its devastating medical effects as well as the incredible success of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](http://polioeradication.org/). (Oral polio vaccination has [reduced cases around the world](http://polioeradication.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/CVDPVFactSheetMarch2015.pdf) by 99.9 percent since 1988.) In addition, they focus on [new cases in Nigeria](http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2016/nigeria-polio/en/), and why it is more important than ever to focus on final [eradication efforts](https://twitter.com/endpolionow). To support the End Polio Now effort, [click here](http://www.endpolio.org/).

[**LISTEN NOW**](https://soundcloud.com/talk-nerdy/jay-wenger)

**Virtual-reality films bring a new dimension to polio fight**

At this year’s World Polio Day celebration in Atlanta, **Rotary** harnessed the power of **virtual-reality technolog**y to build empathy and inspire action in our fight to **eradicate polio**.

**Learn more** about the **films**, [click here](http://echo4.bluehornet.com/ct/91264546:7lQO-0YNB:m:1:2906161915:90513638115C6470FDBEE967376F9113:r).

To **watch** the **video**of**World Polio Day in Atlanta**, [click here](http://echo4.bluehornet.com/ct/91264545:7lQO-0YNB:m:1:2906161915:90513638115C6470FDBEE967376F9113:r).

If you are had an event for **World Polio Day** (or Week) last fall, please **send me** a**brief description**. We are keeping track of the events.

[**READ MORE**](http://echo4.bluehornet.com/p/vTPTkd5YdN)

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