

## What The Rotary Foundation

### accomplishes with your gift

Contributions to The Rotary Foundation support our goal of advancing international understanding, goodwill, and peace. Your participation in the Paul Harris Society is an especially meaningful and significant commitment.

Your annual contribution of US\$1,000 can help provide:

- A well for clean water to a community in India
- Equipment for a children's library in Ecuador
- Polio vaccine for numerous children
- Playground equipment, musical instruments, and therapeutic toys for rehabilitating orphans and other children in the Czech Republic
- Eyeglasses for needy adults in the Philippines
- Funding for a portion of a Group Study Exchange

These programs can only be sustained with the ongoing support of dedicated Rotarians. Thank you for making The Rotary Foundation your charity of choice.



*Paul Harris Society insignia available through your district.*

## About

### Paul Harris



The Paul Harris Society is named after Paul P. Harris, founder of Rotary International. Paul Harris formed the world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, on 23 February 1905. His intention was to recapture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth.

Today, Paul Harris Society contributions to The Rotary Foundation support a wide range of humanitarian grants and educational programs that enable Rotarians to bring hope and promote international understanding throughout the world.

Become a member of the Paul Harris Society today and make a lasting difference.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International



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For information on your district's Paul Harris Society, please contact:

# PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY

## Doing Good in the World



## What is

### the Paul Harris Society?

The Paul Harris Society is a special district recognition program designed for Rotarians who wish to support The Rotary Foundation in a more substantial way each year.

The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotarians and friends of The Rotary Foundation who annually contribute US\$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus, and PolioPlus Partners, or the Humanitarian Grants Program.

The first Paul Harris Society was established in 1998 in District 5340 (California, USA) by District Governor Wayne C. Cusick. The idea gained momentum and quickly spread to other districts throughout the world. The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation officially approved the Paul Harris Society as a district-administered recognition program effective 1 July 2006.



*Children at an Afghanistan refugee camp receive food and books through a Foundation grant project.*



*A Ugandan family benefits from a Matching Grant microcredit project that supplies dairy cows.*



*A Vocational Service Grant helps provide free dental care to Mexico City's underprivileged.*

## Guidelines

### for District Paul Harris Society Membership and Recognition

- Recognizes individual donors who make a commitment to contribute US\$1,000 or more each year to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus, and PolioPlus Partners, or the Humanitarian Grants Program.
- With an additional annual gift of \$1,000, donors may also recognize their spouse as a Paul Harris Society member.
- Membership in the Paul Harris Society will be tracked and recognized in the donor's district.
- Members receive Paul Harris Society recognition as designated by their district.
- Paul Harris Society contributions are eligible toward Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member, Paul Harris Fellow, Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, and Major Donor recognition.

## Exceptions

- Contributions to the Permanent Fund are not eligible.
- Contributions toward specific club projects or charities do not qualify toward Paul Harris Society membership unless the funds are received and recorded by the Foundation.
- Foundation Recognition Points may not be used toward Paul Harris Society membership.