## ROTARY RISES GLOBAL GRANT TALKING POINTS

## WHAT IS ROTARY INTERNATIONAL?

## Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

**WHAT DOES ROTARY DO?**

* Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world’s most persistent issues. Our 35,000+ clubs work together to promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, save mothers and children, support education, and grow local economies

**WHAT IS A GLOBAL GRANT?**

* Global grants support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary’s areas of focus. Global grants can fund humanitarian projects, scholarships for graduate-level academic studies, and vocational training teams. Rotarians contribute to the Rotary Foundation and, through strategic and careful financial management, the Rotary Foundation amplifies these donations, allowing for larger scale projects.

**WHICH ROTARY CLUBS MADE THIS DONATION?**

* Rotarians in District 5790 (North Central TX), District 5870 (Austin), and global partner District 9810 in Australia partnered on this donation.

**WHAT ORGANIZATIONS ARE RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FROM THE GRANT?**

* Texas Health Resources Hospitals, Hendrick Health System in Abilene, and United Regional Hospital in Wichita Falls.
  + Funds will be used to purchase personal protective equipment, testing kits, thermometers, hazmat suits, and other consumable medical goods.
* Tarrant Area Food Bank, Wichita Falls Area Food Bank, and Food Bank of West-Central Texas in Abilene.
  + All agencies have had at least 50% increase in demand for food since the Covid-19 outbreak
  + Agencies provide service through distribution centers, mobile food delivery, emergency food boxes, and supplemental school feeding programs

**HOW WERE THESE ORGANIZATIONS SELECTED?**

* The need for support of our local food banks was immediately recognized during the COVID-19 crisis and Rotary Clubs quickly began to work with local agencies. When we decided to apply for the Rotary Global Grant, we initiated the donation process with local hospitals to both meet their needs and qualify for the matched funding from Rotary.

**HOW CAN I DONATE TO THE ROTARY EFFORT IN COVID-19 RECOVERY?**

* Consider giving to the Rotary Disaster Response Fund to help Rotary clubs lead disaster recovery efforts, including projects related to COVID-19 <https://my.rotary.org/en/disaster-response-fund>

**HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT ROTARY OR JOIN A CLUB?**

* For more information on our local club or clubs, please contact <<INSERT NAME>>.