



ROTARIANS FIGHT DISEASE



Since 1979, Rotarians have helped eradicate a disease in the most pressing times, in all corners of the world. While polio may be most familiar, we have a unique expertise in equipping communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases like HIV/AIDS, malaria, and now the COVID-19 virus. In the face of the world's toughest challenge today, the real stories of ways Rotarians have acted may inspire you:

IN THE PHILIPPINES, Rotary Club of Manila donated 50,000 COVID-19 testing kits and provided 5,000 nitrile gloves, 500 medical gowns with shoe covers and 1,000 surgical head caps to a public hospital, UP-PGH.

IN SHANGHAI, previous recipients of Rotary scholarships from the Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation gathered together to donate masks to hospitals in Wuhan, China. Rotary Clubs in Japan supported the effort and served as bridge between local clubs, Rotarian alumni and local people and hospitals in need of help.

IN HONG KONG, eight collection points were set up for the public to respond to Rotary's call for surgical masks, hand sanitizers and bleach. To date, more than 200,000 items have been distributed to those with chronic illness, elderly living alone and those living in poverty.

IN ITALY, Rotarians have reached out to District 3450 to learn from them and work together in addressing the Covid-19 virus spread. Together, they are exploring global grant options.

As each day brings new knowledge about the long-term impacts of the COVID-19 virus, Rotarians may consider ways that The Rotary Foundation can help. Remember, through global grants you may be able to:

- Fund a team of medical professionals specializing in disease treatment to observe a community-based program & train fellow professionals in improved techniques
- Purchase screening supplies for local clinics, train staff to administer tests & organize education campaigns
- Sponsor a scholar studying public health with an emphasis on disease prevention



If you are in a position to make a gift to Rotary's ongoing work in Polio or Disease Prevention & Treatment, please contact your District Rotary Foundation Chair, Endowment/Major Gift Adviser, or gift officer, or visit www.rotary.org/donate.