Rotary District 7890



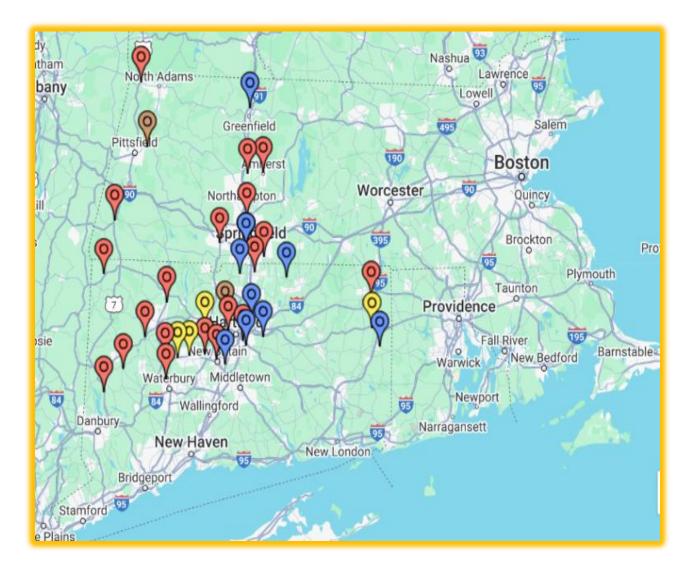
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Rotary District 7890 Club Grant Projects from 2024-2025

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The East Hartford Rotary Club distributed 445 dictionaries (1 for each EH 3rd grader) and 445 thesauruses (1 for each EH 5th grader) to increase literacy resources at home. Club members will place book plates (stickers) inserted in books with Four Way Test to educate students on values of Rotary.



The Williamstown Rotary Club purchased and installed an upright Freezer for local food pantry and created a food inventory tracking system. With the increased need for available food due to decreased federal support, accuracy of inventory and on-going system to track food is paramount. The Club members were active inventorying supplies and organizing the tracking system.



The Manchester Rotary Club partnered with multiple organizations, to hold a two-day conference for Manchester POC youth. The conference taught life and leadership skills, including career exploration, financial literacy, self-identity and social advocacy. The Club members assisted in planning and implementing the conference, were speakers at the conference, and part of student participant selection committee.



Wilbraham-Hampden Rotary Club partnered with regional Community Survival Center, to assist low-income families who need nutritious food and feminine hygiene products through a food and feminine hygiene collection project. Club members purchased and delivered items multiple times to Center based upon Center needs and promoted messaging around project.



The West Springfield Rotary Club combined forces with the Friends of the Senior Center to assist with renovation of Senior Center space with flooring, lighting and furniture replacement. The room is a central gathering place for seniors that needed improvements including removal of old furniture, delivery and placement of new, and floor replacement.



West Hartford Rotary addressed the decline in federal food support by purchasing food and stocking the West Hartford Town Food Pantry to assist it meet the increasing numbers of families in need who are seeking food support.



East Longmeadow Rotary Club hosted a Human Trafficking educational event in partnership with Underground NE to increase understanding of negative impact of human trafficking locally. The Club presented at the Rotary Action Workshop providing statistics and resource information. In addition, survivor backpacks were donated to the Baystate Family Advocacy Center and RFK Communities. Lastly, school supplies were donated to the Rebecca Johnson School for Visual and Performing Arts.



To increase literacy skills for New Britain youth, the New Britain-Berlin Rotary Club purchased 900 reading books and distributed them to 3rd grade during United Way Read for Record. Rotarians and Interactors inserted Rotary stickers in books and read in 3rd grade classrooms during the Read event in October 2024.



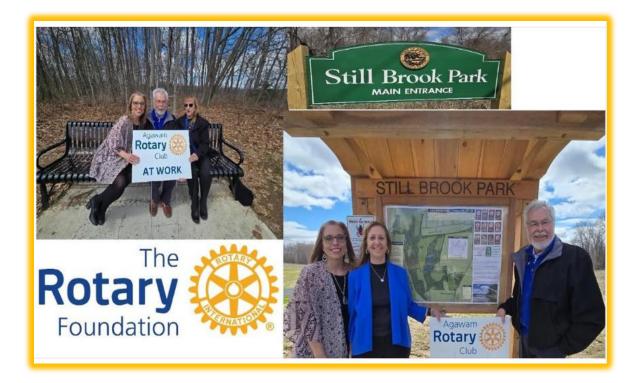
Aligning with the Dalton city recreational plan, the Dalton Rotary Club installed five benches at Pine Grove Park/Main Street to support resident use of park, particularly those with physical challenges who need the seating in park and along Main Street. Dalton Club members sited, levelled and anchored benches.



The Thomaston Rotary Club supported the installation of three seat ADA accessible table for 1 to 3 seats in support of the Seth Thomas Park revitalization project. It will be part of the long-term restoration and revitalization of the park in the economically depressed area of downtown. Club members joined the team to help clear land, install fixtures, and perform other labor saving functions.



The Avon-Canton Rotary Club partnered with Shoprite Grocery Shop in Canton to supply food items to both Avon and Canton Food Banks.



The Agawam Rotary Club purchased three benches for Tuckahoe park as part of larger park beautification project. Overall purpose to increase park usage, resident fitness, and improve park resources for residents. Rotarians assisted with clean up and other park improvements.



Windsor-Windsor Locks Club worked with Project Outreach and in partnership with the Suffield Rotary Club, Interact and other organizations to assemble and distribute 25,000 meals to food pantries. The Club addressed the increasing need for food donations to local pantries and other points of distribution.



The Putnam Rotary Club partnered with a local school and supported installation of musical elements on to create a playground as part of larger project. The musical elements target children who may not be physically abled. Club members worked with School playground planning partners to choose location of elements and help with installation.



The Wethersfield-Rocky Hill Rotary Club collaborated with Our Piece of the Pie on an overall agency safety project. Lack of AED machines negatively impacts emergency safety in their building. The Club funded the purchase of an AED for the organization after meeting with the Safety committee regarding the need.



In an on-going partnership with local Senior Center, the Enfield Rotary Club constructed raised garden beds to existing community garden at Senior Center to make garden handicapped accessible. Club members use Senior Center facilities and have focused on the garden during recent Day of Service.



To improve youth and child safety at the local Boys and Girls Club, Ludlow Club Members replaced and installed wall safety mats in the Boys and Girls Club gym. Club members removed the 20-year-old old worn mats, cleaned the space, and installed new mats.







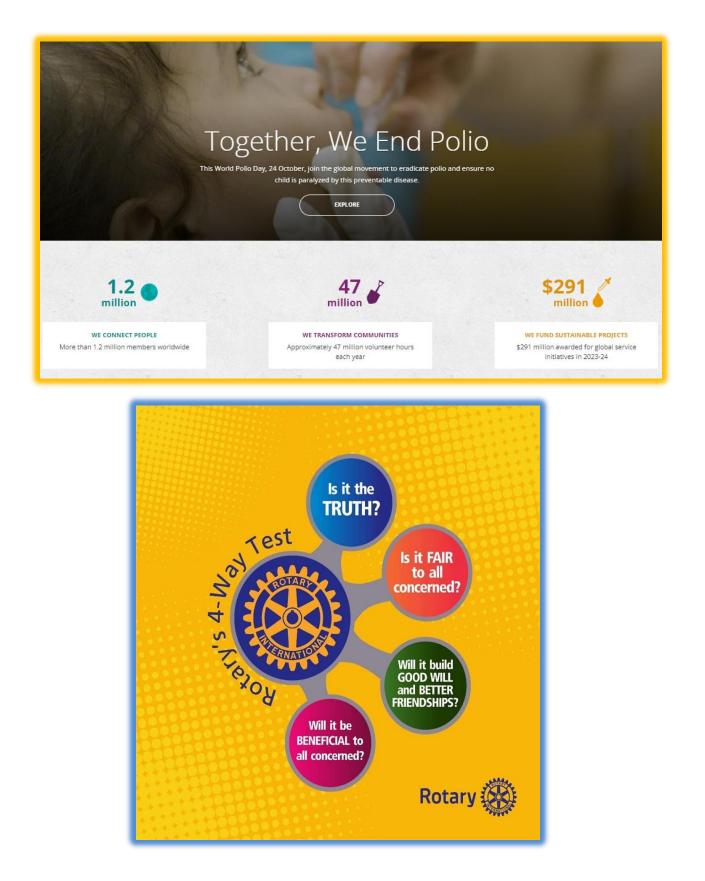
The New Milford Club assisted with the installation of outdoor chess table/chairs on the town property to enable community members to play chess or checkers. The project focused on increasing interest in chess, and individuals playing. Club members work with the city to identify the location, installation and advertisement of the outdoor chess station.



Serving six local communities, the Salisbury Rotary Club purchased school outfits and supplies for regional students in need. Third year of initiative, Club noted the need and stepped in when local United Way could not continue project. Members purchased supplies, filled and distributed backpacks for the first day of school.



The Northampton Rotary Club coordinated an English language tutor training project with Institute partner will increase number of volunteers available to teach English to non-English speaking residents. The project provided an 8-month tutor training to club members and interested members of the public. Tutors were matched with interested English language learners and worked with them weekly for minimum of 4 months. Terryville Rotary Club worked in alignment with town's beautification priorities, to replace Welcome Sign in town to promote town pride. The Club members acted as liaisons with local government re planning. Club members promoted the project through social media and may assist with installation.



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