



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION SUCCESS BULLETIN ROTARY DISTRICT 5950 2019-2020



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The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is the engine that funds our humanitarian activities, opening opportunities both locally and around the world.

Your contributions help us to provide clean water and sanitation, support education, grow local economies, save mothers and children, and fight disease. The Rotary Foundation also leads the charge on worldwide Rotary campaigns such as eradicating polio and promoting peace.

Each year, District 5950 receives a block grant of one-half of giving three years ago to the Annual Fund. If you gave \$1,000 in 2015-2016, how would your money have been used in 2019-2020?



- \$250 would have helped to match 22 local and nine small international club projects involving 47 district clubs.
- \$750 would have helped to match eight global projects involving 21 district clubs, plus assisting achievement of the PolioPlus Gates Foundation Grant, COVID-19 Disaster Fund needs, and Global Peace Fellow Scholarships.

Here are some examples of how your TRF dollars were used by District 5950 clubs worldwide in 2019-2020:

- Supplies to combat COVID-19 in Italy, England and Minnesota.
- A maternal and child health program in South Africa.
- An irrigation system in Bolivia.
- Supplies for Mercy Ships, delivering free health care services to the developing world.
- NewGen Peacebuilders, a peace education and mentoring program in Lebanon.

District 5950's clubs also put TRF grant dollars to work locally in 2019-2020. Projects included:

- A Rotary tree walk in Orono.
- Seasonal light display at Central Park in Maple Grove.
- A school metal cutter in Glenwood.
- Creation of a produce garden at the Sheridan Story to feed children with food insecurity.
- Construction of a musical playground in Alexandria.



The Rotary Foundation has four-star ratings — the highest possible — from independent evaluator Charity Navigator for more than a dozen years due to its transparency and accountability. More than 90% of Foundation funds are spent directly on programs.

The Rotary Foundation makes a difference to those who need our help the most. With your donation, we are making lives better in your community and around the world.



BY THE NUMBERS....

DISTRICT 5950 GIVES GENEROUSLY TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

In 2019-2020, District 5950 was again first among all districts in Zone 28 in Annual Fund Giving, Per Capita Giving and Total Giving.

Year	Annual Fund Total	Per Capita Annual Fund Giving	Total TRF Giving
2015-16	\$768,051	\$273.13	\$943,936
2016-17	\$806,087	\$291.32	\$951,832
2017-18	\$819,214	\$303.19	\$1,079,232
2018-19	\$745,790	\$271.79	\$1,163,052
2019-2020	\$690,665	\$254.95	\$964,220



Top 5 Clubs in Giving to Annual Fund 2019-2020

1. Edina (Noon)	\$90,897
2. St. Cloud	\$42,975
3. Bloomington	\$38,699
4. Minneapolis #9	\$36,002
5. Edina Morningside	\$35,035

Top 5 Clubs in Giving Per Capita to Annual Fund 2019-2020

1. Bloomington	\$578
2. Eden Prairie Noon	\$567
3. Edina (Noon)	\$511
4. Burnsville	\$486
5. Minneapolis University	\$462

The Rotary Foundation Funds for District 5950 Projects and Program

Year	TRF District Designated Funds
2015-16	\$321,885
2016-17	\$327,318
2017-18	\$385,000
2018-19	\$376,076
2019-20	\$390,866

District 5950 Donations Lead the Way toward Polio Eradication

Congratulations on another remarkable year of funding polio eradication. Matches from our own anonymous donor and our District really boosted giving in our 64 clubs:

- 23 clubs increased giving in 2019-2020 to receive up to a \$9 to \$1 match.
- Six clubs maxed out or came close to the donor and District match limit of \$2,500.

Now that Africa has been declared polio free, we are really "this close." More information: Tim Mulcrone, End Polio Now Chair, timmulcrone@aol.com.

Every Rotarian Every Year (100%) Clubs 2019-2020

Club	Members
Bloomington	67
Brooklyn Center	23
Eagan Kick-Start	41
Lake Minnetonka-Excelsior	84

Paul Harris Society – Making an Impact

District 5950 now has **333** Paul Harris Society members, surpassing our long-term goal of 300. District 5950 leads the nation with the highest number of PHS members in a single U.S. district. The Paul Harris Society recognizes donors who commit to giving \$1,000 every year to TRF for as long as they are able. More information: Jennifer Bennerotte, Paul Harris Society Chair, jbennerotte@edinamn.gov.

