



"I invite all District 5450 Rotary Clubs to support this important Colorado Rotary initiative."

Curtis J. Harris, District Governor D5450, DG Curt2019.20@rotary5450.org

"Everyone in this world has the right - and deserves - consistent access to clean water, and certainly not water contaminated by radioactive waste. As citizens of the US, we should be demanding that right for all populations living within our borders and especially the tribal areas that have been treated so poorly over so many years. I would like to confirm the committee's support to make the "CLEAN

non-contaminated Water for Oglala Lakota Sioux" District Grant initiative as one of our focal points." Jim McGibney, Chair of the District 5450 Indian Committee, jimmcgibney@me.com

District Grant - CLEAN non-contaminated Water for Oglala Lakota Sioux.

Join our Colorado Rotary initiative and give CLEAN water now to the Oglala Lakota Sioux at Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Let all of our Colorado Rotary Clubs unite together in this holiday season of giving to solve this sad problem.

Our District Grant has joined with a local GuideStar Platinum rated NGO, called **"Running Strong for American Indian Youth®"** which has operated successfully for decades. Co-founded by **Billy Mills**, Oglala Lakota (Sioux) born. Billy was raised on Pine Ridge Reservation and won the Olympic Gold medal in the 10,000 meter run at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, and is still the only American to ever win a gold medal in the 10k event. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l5vOhMwRQwI&feature=youtu.be> Running Strong continues to support American Indians, and **has agreed to match up to \$150,000** all funds contributed by our Colorado Rotary Clubs through this District Grant (local).

WHY

Together our Rotary Clubs can solve the terribly sad problem of uranium and arsenic water contamination that exists all over Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Oglala Lakota (Sioux) cannot walk 2 miles to get fresh CLEAN water. Their water is contaminated with uranium and arsenic, which causes cancer. Lakota Sioux have the highest cancer rate in North America. If each of our clubs contributes 3K, together we can solve this problem.

URGENCY



Due to long harsh winters, excavation work can only be done during a limited period of the year. We are so fortunate that we do not have to wait for a Global Grant as Running Strong has agreed to match our Rotary District Grant funding up to \$150,000. Please, all Colorado Rotary Clubs, agree to contribute to this very important Colorado Rotary initiative.

Together, we will all be helping the poorest county of the US by reducing cancer rates for young and old. The uranium and arsenic contamination of water at Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota requires our urgent action. Together we can solve this serious problem.



Please give now.

We, District Governor Curtis J. Harris and the Chair of the Indian District Committee Jim McGibney, encourage all Colorado Rotary Clubs to pledge now and give during this special Holiday Season. We aim to raise \$150,000 and \$150,000 will be matched by Running Strong NGO, with a Total of \$300,000. This big-bang for bucks at \$3,000 contribution for each home will provide 50+ homes with CLEAN water. This means 600 to 800 people will have CLEAN, non-contaminated water. (Pine Ridge homes sadly average 12-16 people per home).



DID YOU KNOW

about some of the many challenges of the Oglala Lakota Sioux in Pine Ridge SD?

- Unemployment rate of 87%
- 8 Times USA rates of diabetes
- 5 Times USA rate of cervical cancer
- 2 Times USA rate of heart disease
- 8 Times USA rate of tuberculosis
- 4 Times USA rate of Teen suicides
- 3 Times USA rate of Infant Mortality
- Lowest Life Expectancy in USA

source "Re-Member" Pine Ridge

Oglala Lakota Medicine Wheel

TO PLEDGE contact **Project Coordination:**

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Personal and corporate donations are welcome, and please note all donations will also be matched by Running Strong.

Checks should be made out to: ***Boulder Rotary Club Foundation,***

Memo line: CLEAN water project,

Mail to Boulder Rotary Club Foundation, c/o Michael Weatherwax, 2995 Baseline Road, Boulder, CO 80303-2318.

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Water is Life

Colorado Rotary initiative - District Grant (local)

"CLEAN non-contaminated Water for Oglala Lakota Sioux in South Dakota"