



## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION BRIEF

**Service Above Self** – the motto of Rotary International

**Doing Good in the World** – the motto of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

**Centennial Year** – This year we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our Rotary Foundation.

### Annual Fund-SHARE and the District Designated Fund (DDF)

The Annual Fund-SHARE is the primary source of funding for a broad range of local and international activities made possible through The Rotary Foundation. Funds are invested in the year given and for two more Rotary years (July-June). The earnings are used to support the administrative costs of the Foundation and in year four the entire amount donated is split with 50% going to the World Fund and 50% to the district via the District Designated Fund (DDF). The World Fund is used by the Foundation to pay for the worldwide grant and program opportunities available to all Rotary districts. DDF supporting a Global Grant (see item below) is matched dollar for dollar, and cash contributions are matched 50 cents on the dollar by the World Fund. Each district uses its DDF to fund grants and Rotary Foundation programs of its choice. Up to one-half of the DDF may be used for District Grants (see item below). Every Rotarian is encouraged to give to the Annual Fund every year.

### Endowment

Previously known as the Permanent Fund, the Endowment is used to provide long term stability to the funding of Foundation activities. Donations to the Endowment are invested in perpetuity and only the income is used for activities supported by The Rotary Foundation.

### Areas of Focus

The Areas of Focus for Rotary and The Rotary Foundation are:

- Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
- Disease Prevention and treatment
- Water and Sanitation
- Maternal and Child Health
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Economic and Community Development

### District Grants

District Grants enable clubs and districts to address needs in local communities and abroad. Districts may request up to 50 percent of the District Designated Fund to be used for District Grant projects. Districts establish rules for these grants, including such matters as dollar amounts that can be requested and the timing for submitting proposals and applications.

### Global Grants

Global Grants offer clubs and districts opportunities to participate in strategically focused, high-impact activities. These grants fund large-scale international projects in one of more of Rotary's Areas of Focus. They must have a minimum total budget of \$30,000 and in some cases a higher amount depending on District rules.

## **PolioPlus/End Polio Now**

Polio eradication is Rotary's top philanthropic priority. In the year that Rotary launched the PolioPlus program worldwide, there were more than 350,000 polio cases in over 125 countries. In 2015, there were 71 new cases in only two countries. Clubs are encouraged to give \$1,500 or more per Rotary year to PolioPlus, with those funds primarily coming from community-based fundraisers. Individual contributions from Rotarians are also most welcome. This Rotary Foundation Centennial year, Clubs that contribute \$2,650 to PolioPlus will have met one of the three needed achievements out of six possible in the Foundation Giving section to qualify for the club to receive the Presidential Citation.

## **Peace Fellows**

Rotary Peace Fellowships are funded entirely through the World Fund and enable individuals to pursue a graduate degree in peace and conflict prevention and resolution at one of five university centers around the world. Also, for experienced professionals working in peace-related fields who want to enhance their professional skills, there is a three-month program in peace and conflict prevention and resolution at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand.

## **Scholarships**

Scholarships can be funded by District Grants or Global Grants.

District Grant Scholarships have no restrictions on the educational level of the scholarship, duration of the program, or field of study. Districts develop their own criteria for selecting scholars and determine the amount of the awards. There is no international requirement for District Grant Scholarships.

Global Grant Scholarships support graduate level study related to one of the Areas of Focus. The scholar must study outside of his or her home country.

## **District Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC)**

Each district has a District Rotary Foundation Committee. Pursuant to Rotary Foundation requirements, the members include the District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair (DRFCC), and subcommittee chairs responsible for PolioPlus, Stewardship, Grants, and Fundraising. The District Governor is a member of this committee, and there can be other subcommittee chairs who are members of the DRFC, depending on the district leadership structure.

## **Resources**

- District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair and Subcommittees, such as PolioPlus, Grants, and Fundraising.
- District Membership Committee
- Public Image Committee
- Assistant Governors
- The Rotary Foundation Reference Guide (219-EN)
- [www.rotary.org/myrotary](http://www.rotary.org/myrotary) or ([www.myrotary.org](http://www.myrotary.org)) (Will require log-in; then go to "The Rotary Foundation" tab for general information and for information and promotional materials for the Centennial year.)
- Your district's website and publications (will vary by district).

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