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**ROTARY CLUBs sUPPORT lOCAL sCHOOL**

Rotarians make wishes come true

Austin, TX – It started with a wish.

Mainspring Schools on W. Live Oak Street in Austin realized its outdoor toy storage sheds were falling apart. They were unsightly and borderline dangerous. So it posted its wish list to its website.

South Austin Rotarian Jim McComb noticed the list and since it was in his Rotary Club’s neighborhood, he visited and saw the small, worn-out boxes. When he saw them, he knew his Club would want to help.

“Mainspring Schools is an organization that The South Austin Rotary Club is proud to assist,” Club President Satch Nanda said. “They are to an amazing job educating underserved youth in our community."

On Nov. 5, the Rotary Club of South Austin built and installed two new toy sheds for the schools. Members from South Austin Rotary and sister club, Austin-Southwest Rotary spent the day removing the old sheds, clearing the property, installing, and painting the two new sheds.

"The two new toys sheds that South Austin Rotary built for us are important for safety, organization and education” Executive Director of Mainspring Schools Brendon Wells said. “Having a place to put away the toys is very important for the children's development as well as for the aesthetics of the school."

Mainspring School is a non-profit currently serving 90-100 children ages six weeks to five years, 75 percent of whom are from low-income households.

According to the organization, year after year, 90-100 percent of Mainspring’s graduating students measure at or above the State of Texas’ kindergarten-readiness standards (more than double the regional average).

The South Austin Rotary Club is a group of professionsl who want to make positive changes in their community and the world. They meet at noon Wednesdays at DK Maria’s Legendary Tex Mex, 1807 W. Slaughter Ln. Contact \_\_\_\_ to learn more at \_\_\_\_\_\_.

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Rotary is 1.4 million passionate individuals in 35,000+ clubs worldwide. We are both an international organization and a local community leader. Together we lead change in our own backyards and across the world. The Rotary District of Central Texas has 57 clubs and over 2,184 members serving their communities right here in Central Texas.

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