

### Club of Excellence Community Service Award

		Merit	Points
Has an active C	Community Service Committee that meets regularly	50	50
Conducted a co	ommunity needs assessment with community stakeholders	75	75
75% of your cl	ub members participated in a least 2 community service projects	100	100
Club partnered	with another community group on a service project	50	50
Club partnered	with another Rotary Club on a joint service project	50	50
Promoted servi	ce project through social media	25	25
Displayed bann	er and had educational info at service projects	25	25
Prospective me	mbers participated in service project (10 points for each prospect)	10	40
	ember completed a Rotary Learning Center course		
related to Co	ommunity Service (25 points for each member attending)	25	25

What is the most impactful service project completed? Why should your club be recognized as a Club of Excellence in Community Service? (Describe in 200 words or less)

The Rotary Club of Downtown Honolulu is committed to giving back to our communities via Community Service.

- Our committee meets regularly to plan monthly service events for our club.
- We have conducted an annual survey of our club member's interests, as well as met with key local leaders (City Councilman Dos Santos Tam, Principal Joe Passantino) and their immediate service needs.
- All club members (except 5) have participated in a service project in the last Rotary year (80%+)
- We partnered with the Downtown Hui on our park clean-up at Kulei Cliffs and hosting a Rotary Blood Bank Drive, and with Rotary Sunrise on painting homes in Waimanalo with Auntie Blanche.
- We partnered with the Makiki Neighborhood Board and the Office of Council Member Dos Santos Tam on the 105th Anniversary of Dole Community Park clean-up.
- This year, we also officially Adopted Dole Community Park.
- We partnered with ILWU to collect donations for Maui in August. We raised over \$2,500 for the Maui Relief fund, \$500 for KMS, and truck loads of supplies for both Maui & KMS in our annual Back-to-school drive.
- We promote all of our projects online via Facebook and Instagram, and promote Rotary at each service project via banners & t-shirts. We've had 4 prospective members join our Service Projects (two at Dole Clean-up; two at Back-to-School / Lahaina Fires drive).



Rotary Club ofEco Kaka'ako
Attain at least 200 merit points from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 from the following options to earn an Honorable Mention:
Merit Points
☐ Has an active Community Service Committee that meets regularly 50
Conducted a community needs assessment with community stakeholders 75 _75
☐ 75% of your club members participated in a least 2 community service projects 100
☑ Club partnered with another community group on a service project 50 _50
☑ Club partnered with another Rotary Club on a joint service project 50 _50
Promoted service project through social media 25 _25
Displayed banner and had educational info at service projects 25 _25
Prospective members participated in service project (10 points for each prospect) 10 _60
☐ A committee member completed a Rotary Learning Center course
related to Community Service (25 points for each member attending) 25 Total
Community Service Merit Points _285

What is the most impactful service project completed? Why should your club be recognized as a Club of Excellence in Community Service? (Describe in 200 words or less)

The Eco Rotary Club completed its third annual Genki Ball Drop in April. On March 16th, we gathered the community to create 4,338 Genki balls, made from topsoil, rice bran, molasses, and EM-1 solution. These balls fermented for three weeks before being tossed into the Ala Wai canal, where they clean and oxygenate the water. The process removed 19 inches of sludge and transformed the canal into a nursery for fish and shellfish, attracting wildlife like manta rays, eagle rays, seahorses, hammerhead sharks, and monk seals.

The Genki balls have made the canal more resilient. After the Kona Low storm in mid-May, which increased fecal coliform bacteria levels, the counts dropped dramatically from 6,131 MPN/100mL on May 19 to 41 MPN/100mL by June 2. This rapid improvement, driven by the beneficial microorganisms from the Genki balls, indicates that the Ala Wai canal could be fishable and swimmable by 2026.



Rotary Club of	Hilo		
Attain at least 200 an Honorable Me	0 merit points from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 from the follow ention:	ing optic	ons to earn
		Merit	Points
✓ Has an active	Community Service Committee that meets regularly	50	50
✓ Conducted a c	community needs assessment with community stakeholders	75	75
75% of your c	club members participated in a least 2 community service projects	100	
✓ Club partnered	ed with another community group on a service project	50	50
✓ Club partnered	ed with another Rotary Club on a joint service project	50	50
✓ Promoted serv	vice project through social media	25	25
✓ Displayed bann	ner and had educational info at service projects	25	25
✓ Prospective me	nembers participated in service project (10 points for each prospect)	10	
A committee n	member completed a Rotary Learning Center course		
related to C	Community Service (25 points for each member attending)	25	
	<b>Total Community Service Merit Points</b>		275

What is the most impactful service project completed? Why should your club be recognized as a Club of Excellence in Community Service? (Describe in 200 words or less)

Go Cook em was done on a weekly basis where we had a dedicated group of Rotarians that would cook lunch every Thursday for the residents, about 35 folks, of the Hawaii Island Home for Recovery. We also participated in a joint club Genki ball making and toss to help clean the waters at Queen Liliuokalani Gardens. Hilo Brewfest is probably our largest project that we put on each year and benefits many of our projects each year including our major beneficiaries the Hilo Medical Center Residency Program, The Friend's of the Children's Justice Center and Ohana Wa'a Laulima.



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Club partnered with another community group on a service project	50	50
Club partnered with another Rotary Club on a joint service project	50	50
Promoted service project through social media	25	25
Displayed banner and had educational info at service projects	25	25
Prospective members participated in service project (10 points for each prospect)	10	
A committee member completed a Rotary Learning Center course		
related to Community Service (25 points for each member attending)	25	25

What is the most impactful service project completed? Why should your club be recognized as a Club of Excellence in Community Service? (Describe in 200 words or less)

The Rotary Club of Hilo Bay positively impacted our communities with two planned and one unplanned projects, demonstrating Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self."

Volunteering with other organizations at the Food Basket, donated items from stores and individuals were sorted and 168 boxes were packed and distributed to our kupuna (elderly), who are at the greatest risk of food insecurity.

Over 250 student dictionaries were distributed to 3rd grade students at two elementary schools. Rotarians worked with the students to look up the meaning of the special words Truth, Fair, Goodwill, Friendship, and Beneficial and then introduce them to how Rotarians make good decisions.

The unexpected wildfires in Lahaina rallied Club members to make and collect contributions to the District 5000 Maui Fire Relief Funds. Individual contributions, \$20,000 from Oktoberfest, and a contribution from patrons of a small coffee shop in Yokohama, Japan, demonstrated and defined the joy of helping others in our communities.



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Rotary Club of	Honolulu Sunset		
Attain at least 20 an Honorable M	00 merit points from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 from the following tention:	ing optic	ons to ear
		Merit	Points
Has an active	Community Service Committee that meets regularly	50	50
Conducted a	community needs assessment with community stakeholders	75	75
	club members participated in a least 2 community service projects	100	100
Club partner	ed with another community group on a service project	50	50
Club partner	ed with another Rotary Club on a joint service project	50	50
✓ Promoted ser	vice project through social media	25	25
✓ Displayed bar	nner and had educational info at service projects	25	25
✓ Prospective n	nembers participated in service project (10 points for each prospect)	10	10
	member completed a Rotary Learning Center course		2
related to	Community Service (25 points for each member attending)	25	25

What is the most impactful service project completed? Why should your club be recognized as a Club of Excellence in Community Service? (Describe in 200 words or less)

**Total Community Service Merit Points** 

410

We completed several impactful projects. Thanksgiving shopping with Hugs House families. Ala Wai Elementary School 20 large planter boxes for different grades and involvement with the students and parents. Rotarians at work day at the Waianae US Vets Homeless Shelter. We worked on their Therapeutic Garden for Psychiatric meditation. Cement pavers, four large planter boxes, and two picnic benches were painted and installed in the garden. Volunteers involved members, 4 nurses and one Physician, new RCHS club members, spouses, and a potential new member.

4 nurses and one Physician, new RCHS club members, spouses, and a potential new member. 1) The women in need projects. 30 health kits all club members donated. The second part of the project was to help the Women in Need Shelters with much needed kitchen items upgrading their living conditions in four different homes. 2) Shopping with families. Thanksgiving shopping with 4 local HUGS families with children (serious medical conditions) needing special medical care.3)Jefferson Elementary School Peace garden. Provide funds \$685.00 and labor support for the peace garden around the peace pole we installed last year.4)US VETS at Barbers Point water station project \$1500 to build a new water station filtered H2O for over 70 homeless Vets living there.5)Farrington High ROTC Robotics upgrade project. donated \$1985 to purchase a VEX V5 competition super kit. 6) Aloha Community Shed CO2 laser cutting and engraving machine donated \$4642 used by 60 + members of the ACS. Awards plaques were engraved for the RCHS awards night with this machine?) Joint project with sister club Rotary Club of Makati Premier in Manila, the Manila and Lagadarin service events were attended by 4 of our club members. 8) Ala Wai School Family Garden Plots. 20 -5 feet long and 2 feet wide raised planter boxes. 4 school equipment lockers were painted by the UH Rotoract club . other rotqry club members were in attendance. The boxes were constructed by the Aloha Community Shed members. The ACS is a Rotary Community Corp supported by RCHS9) Kopila Nepal midday meal program for Brick Factory children. Crystel Yount led this service project partnered with Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid Town RID 3292 Nepal. 10 )Vocational Scholarship awards Presentation. 11) Rotarians at work day, we built a Theraputic garden (for meditation and counceling) at thee US VETS waianae homeless shelter. There were Micronesian residents along with homeless veterans at this shelter, residents, potential rotary club members and club members attended this event. 12) relief for the affected Lahaina fires residents. Approximately \$25,000 was donated. ou9r partner club in Port Moresby New Guinea donated \$10,000. A new member (Mike Kass managing director) arranged to fill two containers at the Alohilani Resort. these container made it on one of the first barges to Maui.13) Vocational serviuce awards presentation.14) Vocational meetings at the Alohilani Resort and Tropical J's. 15) Indulgent foodies events at residents, Chinese restaurants, and the KCC Culinary School Restaurant



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Club partnere	d with another community group on a service project	50	50
Club partnere	d with another Rotary Club on a joint service project	50	50
Promoted serv	vice project through social media	25	25
Displayed ban	ner and had educational info at service projects	25	25
Prospective m	embers participated in service project (10 points for each prospect)	10	40
A committee	member completed a Rotary Learning Center course		
related to (	Community Service (25 points for each member attending)	25	25

What is the most impactful service project completed? Why should your club be recognized as a Club of Excellence in Community Service? (Describe in 200 words or less)

A successful Blood Drive was held in the downtown area, it was cited by the Honolulu Blood Bank as "unusually successful" for a first event. It is our intent to make this an annual event.

Our most impactful project was the result of a guest speaker, a friend of one of our members, who spoke of temporary housing to be provided to the victims of the Lahaina fire by their organization Ohana Hope Village. Using \$3,000 in funds from our Sister Club Rotary of Niigata Bandai (Japan) and \$2,000 from Honolulu Sunrise Foundation and \$10,500 raised from the pockets of our members, we were able to provide 3 of the \$5,000 batyteries.

We then introduced Ohana Hope Village to the Rotary Clubs on Maui as well as D5000 leadership. Those clube developed a proposal to use D5000 Lahaina Fire Emergency funds to raise another \$44,000 to complete the immediate need for batteries.

This project demonstrated how an idea in a meeting can inspire international funding (Japan), be a catalyst for member participation, and be shared with district (D5000) and fellow clubs (Maui) to facilitate the successful completion of obtaining temporary housing for displaced families.

Additional projects included Beautification at Lanakila Sr Center and restoration/beautification at Hui Mahai Aina



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Club partnere	d with another Rotary Club on a joint service project	50	50
Promoted serv	vice project through social media	25	25
Displayed ban	ner and had educational info at service projects	25	25
Prospective m	nembers participated in service project (10 points for each prospect)	10	30
=	member completed a Rotary Learning Center course		
related to (	Community Service (25 points for each member attending)	25	

What is the most impactful service project completed? Why should your club be recognized as a Club of Excellence in Community Service? (Describe in 200 words or less)

We probably had more prospective members participate in a service project than we listed above, but I am being conservative in my measure because I don't have that data. One of the most meaningful projects was also our district grant funded project at the Ko'olau Clubhouse because it created immediate and sustainable change and fostered a stronger relationship with our club. The Ko'olau Clubhouse's service to the community in regards to mental health was also particularly meaningful during this Rotary year with the strong emphasis and focus on mental health. Our members cut down a very tall, almost 3-story tall, Italian Cypress tree so that the clubhouse could plant native plants. Our members assembled garden beds, pulled weeds, re-striped driveway lines, and connected with this extraordinary organization doing so much to support our communities mental health needs. Additionally, we supported our partner organization, the Waikalua Loko I'a fishpond and welcomed RI President Gordon McInally and his wife who experienced first-hand the work to restore this place. We also partnered with the Windward Sunrise and Windward Rotary clubs to paint at The Shelter whose housing assistance program helps women and their families chart their way out of homelessness.



#### Club of Excellence Community Service Award

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1	Has an active Community Service Committee that meets regularly	50	50
	Conducted a community needs assessment with community stakeholders	75	
1	75% of your club members participated in a least 2 community service projects	100	100
1	Club partnered with another community group on a service project	50	50
	Club partnered with another Rotary Club on a joint service project	50	50
/	Promoted service project through social media	25	25
1	Displayed banner and had educational info at service projects	25	25
7	Prospective members participated in service project (10 points for each prospect)	10	50
7	A committee member completed a Rotary Learning Center course		
	related to Community Service (25 points for each member attending)	25	50

What is the most impactful service project completed? Why should your club be recognized as a Club of Excellence in Community Service? (Describe in 200 words or less)

Our club is very fortunate to be very successful at fundraising. In the 2023-2024 Rotary year, we gave out over \$80,000 to our community, with \$6,000 of that going to two Rotary clubs in Maui to help them with community services to their community. It is very hard to select one project, as we gave out more than 19 substantial grants this year.

The Meet N Eat program, a weekly distribution of 300 meals and about 75 bags of groceries to a food-insecure community in Kona has a huge impact on providing a hot meal and some groceries to the keiki, their parents, and the kupuna in this area. When we start at 6 pm there is a line of cars and walk-ups, many with small children and elderly passengers.

Our club provided \$10,000 this year to purchase food for this program and our members often did the setup and teardown for many weeks. We also did the cooking and physical distribution on many dates.

Our club has been proactive in ensuring the continuity of the Meet N Eat program. We have secured additional funding and volunteer groups to take over the cooking and food distribution, as the founder of the program is stepping down. A dedicated club member has been working tirelessly to ensure that the program will continue to serve the community in the future.

We also awarded nearly \$30,000 in scholarships through our Foundation, over \$9,000 to the Hawaii Keiki Museum, more than \$5,000 to support the Marshallese in Oceanview, a program for at-risk youths (\$3,000), art supplies for public schools (\$5,000), and equipment for a daycare for low-income children (\$3,500).

Our club members have collectively volunteered about 1,000 hours for our various community service projects. This significant contribution shows our members' dedication and commitment to serving our community.



Lahaina Suncat

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	Merit	Points
Has an active Community Service Committee that meets regularly	50	50
Conducted a community needs assessment with community stakeholders	75	75
75% of your club members participated in a least 2 community service projects	100	100
Club partnered with another community group on a service project	50	50
Club partnered with another Rotary Club on a joint service project	50	50
Promoted service project through social media	25	25
Displayed banner and had educational info at service projects	25	25
Prospective members participated in service project (10 points for each prospect)	10	10
A committee member completed a Rotary Learning Center course		
related to Community Service (25 points for each member attending)	25	25

What is the most impactful service project completed? Why should your club be recognized as a Club of Excellence in Community Service? (Describe in 200 words or less)

The Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset has been Volunteering helping those in need since the Fire on August 8, 2023. If there was ever a time for Rotarians to step up and show what we are all about it is now!

We provided over 80 Service Projects based on the needs of our Community. We installed 8 Starlink devices so we could communicate with our loved ones. Three of our member serve on the Maui Fires Advisory Committee D5000. Two of our members applied for RI Disaster Response Grant with PDG Del Green. We gave away \$226,811K in gift cards in the past 10 months and distributed at several events. Gift Cards included were Gas Cards, Target, Longs, Foodland, Safeway, Kumu Farms, Barnes and Noble. Our Club had 26 proposals approved to help our Fire Survivors totaling \$291,996K. We are creating hope in our Community!

During the Keiki Fair we provided 100 pumkins and rock painting we also gave out gift bags. We Volunteered at Napili Noho for Halloween decorating pumpkins, we held a Rock Painting Event which included free Hot Dogs, Chili, Chips and Drinks.

Maui Rotarians unloaded a 40 foot container full of assorted books. We sorted and distributed the books throughout the Island with Jen Sweeny from California who had books donated to her she is also an Author. We continued the fun at Princess Nahienaena and Kam III Jen read one of her books and we distributed free books to the 3rd grade classes.



Rotary Club of	Metropolitan Honolulu	
INDUSTRIES BUILDING HOUSE STATE		

Attain at least 200 merit points from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 from the following options to earn an Honorable Mention:

		Merit	Points
V	Has an active Community Service Committee that meets regularly	50	50
V	Conducted a community needs assessment with community stakeholders	75	75
	75% of your club members participated in a least 2 community service projects	100	
V	Club partnered with another community group on a service project	50	50
V	Club partnered with another Rotary Club on a joint service project	50	50
V	Promoted service project through social media	25	25
V	Displayed banner and had educational info at service projects	25	25
V	Prospective members participated in service project (10 points for each prospect)	10	50
V	A committee member completed a Rotary Learning Center course		
	related to Community Service (25 points for each member attending)	25	25
	Total Community Service Merit Points		350

What is the most impactful service project completed? Why should your club be recognized as a Club of Excellence in Community Service? (Describe in 200 words or less)

Among our service projects, our partnership with Family Promise has been the most impactful for Metro members.

Over the past year, we've dedicated significant time and resources to assist families on the brink of homelessness. Our efforts focus on preventing the upheaval and uncertainty that can deeply affect children.

Our support includes delivering meals to families housed temporarily across Honolulu, ensuring they have warn suppers and essential items like diapers and baby food. Furthermore, Metro members have packaged toiletries for the Family Promise outreach team, as we've done for homeless outreach programs with RYSE and IHS.

Additionally, volunteers with carpentry skills have aided Nuuanu Congregational Church, a Family Promise shelter site, in preparing living spaces for unsheltered families.

As the centerpiece of our service this year, Metro volunteers, alongside their significant others, rallied to support Family Promise's new site on Young Street. They painted the office and counseling areas, and Metro contributed \$1,500 towards the renovation costs.

We have invested our time, talents and treasures into Family Promise because we believe every child deserves a stable home. Our commitment to supporting this agency reflects our dedication to transforming the lives of housing-insecure families.



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Club partnered	d with another Rotary Club on a joint service project	50	
Promoted serv	rice project through social media	25	25
Displayed ban	ner and had educational info at service projects	25	25
Prospective m	embers participated in service project (10 points for each prospect)	10	20
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related to C	Community Service (25 points for each member attending)	25	50

What is the most impactful service project completed? Why should your club be recognized as a Club of Excellence in Community Service? (Describe in 200 words or less)

The Rotary Club of Waikiki had an outstanding year in community service, participating in numerous impactful projects. We organized our annual garage sale to benefit Waikiki Elementary School and partnered with the women's prison project to provide hygiene bags. Additionally, we collaborated with the Hawaii Kai Lions Club to install rescue tubes on Windward Oahu beaches. We actively promoted these service activities on social media, highlighting our commitment to community involvement and support.



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We are consistent in doing community service. We focus on supporting schools and the under served population. Although it is difficult to have 75% of our members participate, due to our aging membership, we have a regular crew to lend a helping hand to complete our projects.

Our most successful project this year was installing 10 raised garden beds at Lanakila Senior Center. We received a community building grant from AARP and along with Rotary District grant funds, was able to complete this requested project for the seniors. We were even able to harvest vegetables from the garden for a Thanksgiving luncheon attended by the seniors. We were joined by members of 4 other clubs to install the raised beds.

For Rotary Gives Thanks Day in November, we were able to supply 15 Ukrainian families with \$50 gift cards for food. Pacific Gateway Center requested this assistance for their clients who are under served. For Rotarians at Work Day in April, we partnered with Child & Family Services to assemble "Welcome" baskets for those moving into shelters or home. These baskets were well received, as it provided them with basic items, such as blankets, hygiene supplies and more. Our school supply projects provided \$2,750 worth of much needed goods to Likelike and Kalihi Uka Elementary Schools. We also did a Genki Ball project with students.



Rotary Club of _	East Honolulu		
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**Total Community Service Merit Points** 

415

Our Club deserves recognition for our outstanding community service. We have a small but dedicated Community Service Committee that meets regularly to plan and carry out impactful projects. We started with a thorough community needs assessment, working closely with local stakeholders to ensure we address real needs, such as our Waimanalo Homeless Initiative.

A standout point is that 75% of our members actively participated in at least two community service projects, showing our strong commitment and engagement. We've also teamed up with other community groups and Rotary clubs on joint service projects, fostering collaboration and extending our reach.

Promoting our projects on social media has increased our visibility and encouraged more community involvement. At our events, we make sure to display banners and provide educational information, raising awareness and informing the public about our initiatives. We've also welcomed prospective members to join us in these projects, giving them a taste of what we do and encouraging them to get involved.

Additionally, our committee members have taken Rotary Learning Center courses on Community Service, ensuring we have the knowledge and skills to run effective projects. These efforts reflect our dedication to making a positive impact in our community, and we believe our club truly stands out in community service.