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EVERY ADDS UP TO BETTER LIFE FOR CHILDREN

What kind of difference can your contribution to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund make?

A life-saving one, say residents of three villages in the Dominican Republic. Before a Foundation Matching Grant project installed borewells there, waterborne diseases claimed the lives of one out of every five children.

"After they drilled the well, the children stopped dying," a woman in one village told visiting Rotarians from District 5950 (Minnesota, USA), which sponsored the project.

Foundation grant projects supported by Rotarians in several countries also help meet the pressing needs of children and their families

in Niger, the poorest country in the world. The projects are enabling nomadic people to replace their cattle herds, extending microcredit to women, installing water wells, and establishing grain banks.

"A little goes such a long way here," says a visiting Rotarian from Benin.

A US\$100 contribution to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund can provide a cooking stove for a family in Guatemala; \$500, insecticide-treated nets to protect 400 children against malaria in Tanzania; \$1,000, a borewell supplying safe water to 25 families in rural India.

How far will your contribution go?



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The Rotary Foundation is helping to improve Niger's quality of life through humanitarian grants to fund long-term sustainable development projects.

SALUTING THE FIRST 100% PAUL HARRIS FELLOW DISTRICT

District 7690 (North Carolina, USA) had its first 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club in 1984, a decade before the achievement became an official Rotary Foundation recognition. In 2004, it had its first 100% Benefactor club. Recently, it scored another milestone of Foundation support by becoming the first 100% Paul Harris Fellow district.

"Our district has a long record of achievement in supporting the Foundation and looking for ways to have some stretch goals worth working toward," says district Foundation committee chair Patrick Eakes. "We're always looking for ways to move the bar higher and change the world a little bit at a time."

The district set its ambitious goal, proposed by Annual Programs Fund subcommittee chair Derrick Grantham in 2005, aiming for achievement in 2007. "We missed it a little bit, by reaching the goal in April 2008," Eakes says of the feat, officially recognized in a letter of com-

mendation from 2007-08 RI President Wilfrid Wilkinson and 2007-08 Trustee Chair Robert Scott.

How did the district promote the goal among its 50 clubs and 3,200 Rotarians?

"Every time there was an opportunity," Eakes says. "At district assemblies, district Foundation seminars, PETS, assistant governor training, anytime there was a gathering of district and club leaders. For clubs that weren't yet at the 100 percent Paul Harris Fellow level, we gave programs with appearances by former scholars, GSE team members, and participants in NIDs [National Immunization Days] and Matching Grant projects halfway around the world. We showed how lives have changed through Foundation support. We hope that achiev-

ing this level of support for the Foundation will challenge other districts to do the same."

From left: 2006-08 RI Director Barry Rassin; Past District Governor Everett Padgett; 2007-08 District Governor David McCoy; Derrick Grantham; Thomasville club member Wes Patterson; and Del Paterson of the Rotary Club of New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada, representing RI President Wilfrid Wilkinson



THE BOTTOM LINE

2007-08 Interim Annual Programs Fund Contribution Totals

US\$113.2M

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

CANADIAN CHARTER CLUB GIVES 100%

Until recently, only one club in Rotary's history had been chartered as a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club — the Rotary Club of Penal, Trinidad & Tobago, in 2003.



Regional Rotary Foundation coordinator Leigh Higinbotham presents the 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club banner to White Rock Peninsula charter president Lyle Konner.

On 28 May, the newly chartered Rotary Club of White Rock Peninsula, British Columbia, Canada, became the second. What makes the club's achievement unique is that all 21 charter members are also members of District 5050's Paul Harris Society.

A district-administered program, the Paul Harris Society recognizes those who annually contribute US\$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus, or the Humanitarian Grants Program.

While all contributions to the Foundation are voluntary, the White Rock Peninsula club will encourage all new members to join as Paul Harris Society members.

The club's charter night drew more than 100 participants, including RI Director Monty Audenart, 2007-08 District Governor John Bosch, 2008-09 District Governor Larry Stinson, 2009-10 District Governor Larry Jubie, Past District Governor Harvey Jubie, and charter club secretary Bruce Kleeberger. In addition to good fellowship, the gala event featured a dinner and live and silent auctions, raising C\$12,000 to fund wheelchairs for the disabled in Mexico.

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GET TO KNOW THE FOUNDATION'S 2008-09 GOALS

- Keep our promise to eradicate polio.
- Embrace the two pillars of support for The Rotary Foundation: the Annual Programs Fund through Every Rotarian, Every Year and the Permanent Fund.
- Enhance Rotary's public image.
- Participate in Your Foundation/Our Foundation, a "lend a hand" program for sharing funds from club and district foundations to permanently establish the Rotary World Peace Fellows program and support global polio eradication.
- Support the Future Vision Plan of The Rotary Foundation.

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION REPORT, CLUB RECOGNITION SUMMARY IMPROVED

New changes to the Monthly Contribution Report will soon enable club and district officers to daily monitor their contributions and goal achievements. Each contribution entered will appear on the report the next business day.

A change has also been made in the way the Club Recognition Summary identifies club members' Paul Harris Fellow recognition levels.

The Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member columns have been replaced with new columns showing the date and designation of a donor's most recent contribution to the Foundation. Club presidents and secretaries can continually track each member's progress toward meeting the goal of contributing US\$100 to the Annual Programs Fund every year.

NEW EREY ELIGIBILITY REPORT A USEFUL TOOL

Any Rotarian who contributes to the Annual Programs Fund is now automatically identified as an EREY contributor on the new EREY Eligibility Report. The report also identifies Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members (contributors of US\$100 or more to the Annual Programs Fund) and those eligible to participate in their district's Paul Harris Society (\$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund).

The Club Recognition Summary, EREY Eligibility Report, and Monthly Contribution Report

are useful tools for verifying contributions to the Foundation. Remember, any corrections of contributions must be made within 90 days of the gift's date of receipt. The summary and reports are available to district governors, district governors-elect, district Foundation chairs, annual giving subcommittee chairs, club presidents, and club secretaries. Soon, the Foundation hopes to extend access to these reports to club Foundation chairs and club treasurers. Go to www.rotary.org and click on Member Access on the upper right-hand corner.

CHECK YOUR CONTRIBUTION HISTORY

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