



The Foundation Newsletter

July 2020



From the District Grants Committee

The District Grants Committee met on June 29 and again on July 1 to review twenty-eight (28) applications submitted by twenty-one (21) clubs for district community and international grants. The Committee reviewed them closely and was pleased to award twenty-four (24) of them.

The approved projects include equipment for an emergency rescue squad, for several community centers and food pantries, for a new grocery store in a low-income area and for an animal rescue/education program; diapers, formula and food supplies for families adversely affected by the pandemic; a well in Zimbabwe, two kitchen renovations, audio books for delayed learners, automatic electronic defibrillators (AEDs); an elementary school dental hygiene program; and a digital literacy program in Uganda.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to The Rotary Foundation in 2017-2018. Fifty percent of those contributions were returned to our District to use for District Grants and Global Grants in this 2020-2021 Rotary Year.

Cindy Burger
District Grants Chair

COVID Disaster Relief Grant

Rotary District 7170 applied for a COVID Disaster Relief Grant from the Rotary Foundation, with a focus on giving support to the food pantries throughout the District.

We are pleased to announce that our district was awarded a twenty-five thousand dollar (\$25,000) grant by The Rotary Foundation's Disaster Relief Fund. This will address hunger relief in the seven counties within our district – Rotary District 7170. These counties are Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware Otsego, Tioga and Tompkins. The grant will supply funding for 112 food pantries and will be dispersed through three food banks – The Food Bank of the Southern Tier, Food Bank of Central New York and the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York.

In response to the COVID pandemic Rotary International established a special disaster response fund that facilitates grants to support relief and recovery efforts in areas affected by a disaster. The Rotary Disaster Response Fund accepts cash contributions and District Designated Funds (DDF).

Lana Rouff
District Global Grants Chair

Clubs setting Goals

Every year the District Governor asks clubs to enter goals in MyRotary. It is that time of year where clubs need to enter what they want as a goal for the 2020—2021 Rotary year.

The Rotary Foundation is one of those areas that you are providing a few goals. How much will you give to the **Annual Fund**. Remember that half of the money that is given will come back to the District in three years as District Designated Funds. This money is used for Global Grants and District Grants. The more we give the more we get.

The **Polio Plus** program continues as we work toward that last case of polio. Each Club is asked to submit a goal for Polio .

Every year Rotarians are asked to consider a gift to the **Endowment Fund**. This money is held and the interest is used to supply funding for the World Fund