

# The Rotary Foundation

Rotarians Make Dreams Real for Global Peace and Health

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is poised to change how the world thinks about resolving conflict and securing peace. Committed to doing good in the world, Rotarians have developed the **Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution** program. The program offers individuals committed to Rotary's ideals the opportunity to pursue a master's degree or professional development certificate in international studies, peace studies and conflict resolution at one of eight leading universities around the world. It is anticipated that 370 fellows will have completed the program by December 2008 and be in leadership and support positions within governmental and non-governmental organizations throughout the world – the number of graduates will continue to grow each year.

The fellows complement the good work Rotarians are doing to build peace in communities around the world. Rotary clubs are developing projects that bring a multitude of talents together to assist those in need. Rotary International's expansive network of 1.2 million Rotarians in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, along with non-Rotarian volunteers, help make international, educational and humanitarian programs possible. The hallmark of The Rotary Foundation is promotion of peace and understanding through these programs. To accomplish this mission, The Rotary Foundation makes grants that fulfill humanitarian needs in all areas of the world and support educational opportunities for students, faculty and professionals who are dedicated to enhancing international goodwill.

Rotary has also made a commitment to eradicate polio. As a partner in the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative** – the world's largest-ever public health effort – Rotary has helped immunize more than two billion children. The number of polio-endemic countries has declined from more than 125 in 1985 to only four in 2007. In addition to countless hours of personal service, Rotary's contribution to the global polio-eradication effort will be nearly US\$700 million by the time the world is certified polio-free. In 2007, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation recognized Rotary's resolve to eradicate polio and its extensive volunteer network and awarded US\$100 million grant in support of the cause, which will be matched by Rotarians and friends of Rotary around the world.

**Your contribution to The Rotary Foundation can help these objectives in the following ways:**

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:** Rotary World Peace Fellowships; Ambassadorial Scholarships; Group Study Exchange

**HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMS:** PolioPlus; Matching Grants; Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING:** In addition to outright gifts, The Rotary Foundation offers a wide range of giving opportunities, from a Donor Advised Fund to Life Income Agreements such as Charitable Gift Annuities and Charitable Remainder Trusts. The planned giving team is pleased to help you as you give cash or appreciated assets, such as stock or real estate.

The Benefactor program and Bequest Society recognize individuals who remember The Rotary Foundation in their final estate plans.

“Providing education and humanitarian aid, The Rotary Foundation promotes peace around the world.”



Rotary World Peace Fellow Arnoldas Pranckevicius, second from left, works with the European Parliament's relations with Belarus, Ukraine and Russia. Above, he tours the Republic of Lithuania with that country's presidential entourage.



A Rotarian from the United States immunizes a child against polio as part of a National Immunization Day in Moradabad, India.



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