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NEWS RELEASE

Rotary Club of Dubuque contributes \$104,000 and 2900 volunteer hours

DUBUQUE, IOWA (AUGUST 8, 2017) — During July 2016-June 2017, the Rotary Club of Dubuque contributed \$104,045 to local and international projects with 2900 volunteer hours.

The funds were distributed as follows:

Area Residential Care	\$1,500
Youth Exchange	\$1,820
Grand Opera House	\$2,000
Visiting Nurses Association	\$2,700
RYLA Scholarships	\$6,025
Veteran’s Freedom Center	\$10,000
Humanitarian Grants	\$15,000

Recipients:

- Wisconsin Badger Camp
- Dubuque Museum of Art
- Riverview Center
- Wisconsin Badger Camp
- St Stephen’s Food Bank
- Miracle League of Dubuque
- Dubuque Mercy Health Foundation
- First Congregational United Church of Christ
- Almost Home/St John’s Lutheran Church
- Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens

Rotary Foundations	\$17,000
Quito, Ecuador Global Grant	\$48,000
Total	\$104,045

LOCAL HUMANITARIAN GRANTS

Humanitarian Grants are a yearly grant offered through a competitive application process to local non-profit organizations. The program places strong emphasis on assisting organizations that make life better in Dubuque. Rotary Club of Dubuque distributed \$15,000 worth of grant funds in 2016-17 and have pledged to offer \$20,000 in funds for 2017-18. Applications will be accepted until August 31 at 4:30pm and are available for download at www.dubuquerotary.org.

QUITO, ECUADOR GLOBAL GRANT

Rotary Club of Dubuque is leading three other Rotary Clubs, their districts and The Rotary Foundation in funding additional machine tools for the Working Boys Center Metal Mechanics Job Shop, Carpentry Shop and Trade School in Quito, Ecuador. The shops serve as a job opportunity for graduates of their Metal Mechanics and Carpentry trade schools and also bids on work for outside customers that help provides funding for the Working Boys Center programs. This Rotary Global Grant provides \$48,000 for the center to



purchase specific machine tools that will allow the center to add employees and earn proceeds many times over the value of these extra tools.

The Working Boys Center- Family of Families in Quito Ecuador for 52 years has successfully helped the poorest of the poor families pull themselves out of generational poverty. By applying themselves in the various schools, pre-school thru high school and trade school, every member of the family emerges with a high school diploma and a marketable skill. Graduates of the center are proven to be hard-working, honest and skilled employees for businesses in Quito.

The Rotary Club of Dubuque is one of 33,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. The members of these autonomous clubs are called Rotarians, and they form a global network of 1.2 million business and professional leaders, all volunteering their time and talents to serve their communities and the world. In 2016-2017, Rotarians around the world developed 1,100 projects, worth \$70 million dollars in grants. \$11.2 million in grants given for growing local economies, and \$ 20 million in grants given to water and sanitation projects. For more information, visit rotary.org or the Dubuque club at dubuquerotary.org.

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