



People of Action

July 2021 - Transitions

**URGENT
ADDITION
TO THE
JULY DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER
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Dear District 5230 Rotarians and others-

As we begin to reopen in California, it is easy to forget that the COVID-19 pandemic is still raging around the world. The disease variant in India is more contagious and deadly than ever. We may feel powerless as individuals, but as Rotarians, we can help slow the progress of this disease. The Rotary Club of Madras in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India was tasked by their government to head up the COVID vaccine effort in their state. Their club has been very generous in the past, helping fund three Global Grant projects that were conducted right here in our own District 5230. COVID has overwhelmed their hospitals, and funeral pyres fill the parks as the crematoriums cannot handle the load.

Now is the time for us to help our Indian Rotarian friends out! So far, they have raised \$219,000 on their own, but they need another \$40,000 to continue their efforts and reach the surge in children with COVID.. The Rotary Club of Corral de Tierra has agreed to collect donations and wire them to our friends with the Rotary Club of Madras, India. I hope that you, your club, and its members, will help children in this hard-hit country survive COVID by donating to help provide ventilators for the children's hospital. Time being of the essence, we hope to be able to provide this assistance in the next 2-3 weeks.

If your club and members are willing to help out, we have the bank information and can wire funds through our club. You may also send a check made out to the Rotary Club of Corral de Tierra, with "COVID relief" in the memo, to:

*Rotary Club of Corral de Tierra
c/o Doug Brown
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