

Sammamish Rotary volunteers time and funding to fight food insecurity and promote youth leadership development locally and globally.

#### YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- We provide educational grants or scholarships for students attending:
  - Eastlake, Skyline, and Eastside Catholic High Schools,
  - Lake Washington Institute of Technology, Renton Technical College, and Bellevue College. Our scholarship at Bellevue College through the Occupational and Life Services program focuses on young adults with learning disabilities
- We sponsor an Interact Club for students at Eastlake High School and support their service activities.
- We recognize a Student of the Month at our weekly meetings, where students are chosen from area high schools for recognition in specific academic areas.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

We provide "feet on the ground" and support the following local community service opportunities:

- Harvesting produce for local food banks through Harvest Against Hunger at Elk Run Farms.
- Staffing shopping days twice a month at Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank, stocking food and helping clients shop.
- Volunteering for Eggstravaganza with the YMCA and the Mud Run with Sammamish Friends.
- Building Tiny Homes through Sound Foundations
- Volunteering and supporting HopeFest, a one-day event organized by student volunteers that provides services and support for low-income individuals.
- Supporting LifeWire, a program for survivors of domestic violence, and other nonprofit organizations in our community receive grants and volunteer time.

#### **INTERNATIONAL**

Sammamish Rotary believes in bringing access to opportunity to those who have been denied the basics that many of us take for granted: food, clean water, and environment, education, freedom to engage in business entrepreneurship, land ownership. For the past 15 years, our focus has been on underserved populations in Tanzania and central America.

- In Tanzania, we partnered with Songeas Kids to bring educational opportunities to orphan children in Songea. Our project also supplied drinking water, a healthcare clinic, and entrepreneurial support, in the building of Hope Village, the boarding school that would become the home for the orphans.
- In Central America, we have partnered with Agros International to support land ownership, market-led agriculture, financial empowerment, and health and wellbeing.
  - Sammamish Rotary currently has a Rotary Global Grant with Agros benefitting the people of the Ixil region of Guatemala. T
  - The grant helps fund the Healthy Start program, which supports health and nutrition while building entrepreneurship among women.



#### **HUNGER STRIKE**

Hunger Strike is a fun and friendly team-based fundraising competition that culminates in a one-day in-person bowling event where local Rotary clubs and community members come together to celebrate their efforts and, for some, receive sweet prizes. Hunger Strike benefits Harvest Against Hunger, an organization that works with farmers, truckers, volunteers, and others to bring valuable skills and resources into hunger relief efforts in communities across Washington state and beyond.

### **CHRISTMAS TREE LOT**

#### **Tree Sales**

In 2022 the Rotary of Sammamish held its second annual Christmas tree lot. It was officially open from November 25 – December 18. We sold 454 trees, 104 wreaths, and nearly 500 feet of garland. In 2023, we plan to be open daily.

#### Free Trees

This year we are partnering with the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank to provide free Christmas trees to as many of their clients as possible. With the high demand and limited supply, IFCB will run a lottery. Those chosen will be eligible for a free Christmas tree up to seven feet tall. We will ask for community support and matching funds from sponsors for this effort.

# Military, Teacher, & First Responder Discount

To say "thank you" to the hard-working individuals serving our community, Rotary will be extending a 20% discount to the following:

- Veteran or active-duty military personnel,
- Employees of the Issaquah, Lake Washington, or Snoqualmie Valley school districts,
- Eastside Fire & Rescue, Redmond Fire, King County Sheriff, Redmond Police, or Issaquah Police.

# Partners

In 2022, we extended partnership opportunities to other nonprofits and service organizations. Eligible partners could sell wreaths directly with no overhead costs and receive a commission on every tree sale resulting from their referral. In 2023, we plan to extend this opportunity to more organizations and provide greater logistical support to our partners.

# MATCHING DONOR – Christmas Tree Lot

Amount: Meaningful to you.

By providing matching funds, you will double your impact when community members donate to make the Christmas season a little brighter for families who rely on the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank. Your matching donation will be featured prominently as we raise funds from the community.

# HOW YOU CAN HELP



Sammamish Rotary Sponsorship Summary	Presenting \$5,000 One Available	Community Spotlight \$2,500 <i>Three</i> Available	Wayfinding \$250 <i>Ten Availabl</i> e
Concession Trailer Logo	$\checkmark$		
Tree Lot Banner Logo	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Tree Lot Pedestrian Banner Logo	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Tree Lot Doorhanger Logo	$\checkmark$		
Logo & Hyperlink on SammamishRotary.org	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Logo & Hyperlink on RotaryTrees.org	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Promoted on Social Media	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Included in digital advertising	$\checkmark$		
Tree Lot Endcap			$\checkmark$