



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.