

Rotary Contributes Financially to Southern Interior Rotary Lodge Upgrades

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The Southern Interior Rotary Cancer Lodge recently completed major upgrading of flooring throughout its Centre with a Rotary District 5060 Grant totaling \$25,456 which was approved during the 2020-21 Rotary Year. The Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise contributed \$2520 on March 16, 2021 toward the project, to add to additional financial contributions from other Okanagan regional Rotary clubs, which were then matched by a District Grant. Over 2,961 sq. ft. of flooring had been replaced by the time that the project was completed.

A recent communique from the management of the Lodge shared that the grant has made a huge difference for the guests at the Lodge, enabling the Lodge to maintain a comforting environment that removes a significant barrier for people who are unsure if they can follow through on their personal or family cancer treatments due to distance. "Thank you for providing more than just a warm bed for those far from home," and "an affordable place to stay close to the Kelowna General Hospital,so that they can focus on healing, not travel."



The support of the Rotary clubs within the community is key to the success of the Southern Interior Rotary Lodge which has for nearly 25 years served over 24,000 individuals from the Southern Interior of British Columbia. "We are so grateful for your trust in the services provided at the Lodge," stated Lodge Manager Nicola Morse, who also added that "your kindness and empathy are incredibly inspiring."

The Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise, along with its sister Rotary clubs in the Central Okanagan, takes special pride in the service provided by the Lodge. Ever since the Lodge was constructed in 1998 adjacent to the cancer clinic at the Kelowna General Hospital at a cost of \$5 million, with funding through community donations and a \$1.2 million contribution from the local Rotary clubs, these same clubs continue to support the Lodge and its outstanding service.