

# Rotary District 5500



## Rotary Foundation Newsletter

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### ANNUAL FUND GIVING 12/23

Ajo	\$0
Benson	\$0
Bisbee	\$50
Casa Grande	\$106
Casa Grande Daybreak	\$650
Catalina	\$11,575
Coolidge	\$816
Douglas	\$0
Dove Mountain	\$2,505
Florence	\$0
Fort Yuma	\$2,024
Gila Bend	\$0
Globe	\$0
Green Valley	\$6,395
Marana	\$19,176
Maricopa	\$0
Miami	\$0
Mountain Empire-Sonoita	\$510
Nogales	\$504
Old Pueblo	\$1,985
Oro Valley	\$5,750
Pantano	\$500
Rincon	\$0
Rio Rico	\$2,572
SaddleBrooke	\$8,244
Saddlebrooke Sunrise	\$90
Safford	\$0
Sahuarita	\$550
San Luis Frontera	\$460
Sierra Vista	\$1,600
Sierra Vista South	\$180
Sierra Vista Sunrise	\$5,490
Somerton	\$1,400
Superior	\$120
Tubac	\$3,158
Tucson	\$5,617
Casas Adobes	\$0
Tucson Kino	\$1,625
Tucson Presidio	\$150
Tucson Sunrise	\$2,985
Tucson Sunset	\$2,996
Tucson Verde	\$350
Vail	\$0
Valle Verde	\$8,054
Willcox	\$0
Yuma	\$3,265
Yuma Crossing	\$0
Yuma Foothills	\$2,712
Yuma North End	\$2,504
Yuma Sunrise	\$1,200



The Rotary Foundation is Rotary's 501(c)3 charitable organization.

The motto of the Rotary Foundation is: "Doing Good in the World"

Over the past three decades, Rotarians have relied on the Rotary Foundation to help them address humanitarian, educational and cultural needs locally and abroad.

**MAKE THE ROTARY FOUNDATION ONE OF YOUR CHARITIES!**

### The 2023 Rotary District 5500 Results

Michael J. Harris Memorial

Ride to End Polio -- Nov. 18, 2023



This year's Ride to End Polio drew almost 80 cyclists from Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Washington and the US Virgin Islands.

**TOTAL OF ALL INDOOR "RIDES" IS: \$285,612**

**TOTAL RAISED BY CYCLISTS THE DAY OF IS: \$4,493,470**

**GRAND TOTAL INDOOR PLUS DAY OF IS: \$4,779,082**

Please note that these figures are based largely on self reporting by individuals, clubs and districts and all figures include the match from the Gates Foundation.

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PDG Kirk Reed



Kudos to Ride Director Kirk Reed for facilitating another successful year. In 2009, Rotarian Mike Harris was able to enroll Polio Plus as one of many non-profit beneficiaries to participate in El Tour de Tucson. Fast forward to 2023 and the Ride to End Polio, assisted by the Gates Foundation two-to-one match has raised more than \$65 million to aid in Rotary's fight to end polio, one of if not THE single largest fund raiser in the history of Rotary.

Each year we are proud to assert that all of the funds raised in the Ride to End Polio go toward eradication, and not to support the ride operations. However, it costs to put on a ride of this size, and we are grateful for the support of the Rotary Fellowship of Cycling to Serve. Their support makes it possible for us to continue to stage the Ride to End Polio at no cost to our riders, and with all contributions going toward eradication. [Visit their website and consider joining.](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE 2023 RIDE TO END POLIO, PLEASE [CLICK HERE.](#)

## MEXICO USA FRIENDSHIP CONFERENCE & GLOBAL GRANT EXCHANGE October 27-29, 2023



District 5500 Rotary Foundation Team: PDG Sally Montagne, Grants Chair Barbara Kiernan, PDG Michael Drake, PDG Hank Huisking, DGE Sue Archibald, DG Don Jorgensen, Prudy Abeln, DISC Pat Patton, PDG Kristi Halvorson Front: Jen Sprung, Bill DeJarnette and Gene Friesen



Mexico USA Friendship Conference &  
Global Grants Exchange  
Hosted by: Rotary District 5495

Work on over \$500,000 in projects  
with friends from all over the world!

In October, Rotarians from District 5500 went up to Prescott for the annual USA Mexico Friendship Conference and Global Grant Exchange. 90 Rotarians from 6 Rotary Districts in Arizona, California and Mexico reviewed 14 Global Grant projects. Our District Rotary Foundation Team pledged \$40,000 in District Designated Funds (DDF) on eight of the projects and the Tubac Rotary Club pledged funds on three projects.



### 2023-24 DISTRICT GRANT PROJECTS

Rotary Club	Activity description	Grant Amount
Catalina	Child Abuse and Mental Health Training Program	\$4,000.00
Dove Mountain	Little Free Libraries	\$750.00
Green Valley	High School Mentoring Project: Planning For My 13th Year	\$2,000.00
Mountain Empire Sonoita	Voices from the Border - Library Project	\$600.00
Old Pueblo	Flowing Wells: Project to Build their own Water Basin.	\$4,000.00
Oro Valley	Edge High School Project	\$2,000.00
SaddleBrooke	Mountain Vista School Emergency Classroom Lockdown Kits	\$1,396.75
Saddlebooke #2	Oracle Community Dishwasher Project	\$2,000.00
Sahuarita	Bi-Lingual Books for Kinders	\$1,800.00
Sierra Vista	Good Neighbor Alliance Dining Facility	\$4,000.00
Sierra Vista Sunrise	Echoing Hope Ranch: training for mental/autistic clients	\$4,000.00
Tubac	The Cleft Palate / Cleft Lip Surgery Mission	\$4,000.00
Tubac #2	Cleft Palate /Cleft Lip Surgeries Global Grant Needs Assessment	\$1,000.00
Tucson Rotaract	STEM tools, Delivery of Graphing Calculators and Thumb drives	\$750.00
Tucson Sunset	PJ's, Books & a Pillow for Children at Christmas	\$500.00
Tuscon	Senegal's Forgotten Children Global Grant Needs Assessment	\$2,000.00
Valle Verde	School Clean Drinking Water & Outdoor Study Area Project	\$3,199.00
Yuma	Live Insect Display Project	\$2,500.00
Yuma FootHills	Amberly's Garden Project	\$4,000.00
TOTAL TO DATE		\$44,495.75

**WE HAVE \$7,730 LEFT IN DISTRICT GRANT FUNDS.**

**CONTACT [DISTRICT GRANT CHAIR AUDREY TOLOUIAN](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



**GREEN VALLEY**

Green Valley piloted a mentorship program designed to give students the motivation, skills and confidence they need to take the next step in their life after high school - that will be beneficial in any path they select.



**TUCSON SUNSET**

Working with Angel Heart Pajama Project, Tucson Sunset packaged pajamas, a book and pillow (made by Rotarians) for over 100 children in need at Christmastime.



**TUBAC**

3 clubs joined Tubac in financing cleft palate surgeries for 50 children in Hermosillo, Mexico. Tubac has now received another grant to do a Needs Assessment to turn the project into Global Grant.

### GLOBAL GRANT (GG) NEWS

#### TUCSON ROTARY

Tucson Rotary has received a District Grant to do the required Community Assessment for a GG in Senegal. The ultimate goal is to help forgotten street children in a rural village near Dakar, Senegal, West Africa.

[CLICK HERE](#) for an overview "The Kernel for an Idea of a Rotary Project". [CLICK HERE](#) to contact Margaret Higgins if your club is interested in being a partner.

#### TUBAC ROTARY

Tubac Rotary has received a District Grant to do the required Community Assessment for a GG in Mexico. The ultimate goal is to establish a program enhancing cleft lip and cleft palate surgeries.

[CLICK HERE](#) for an overview "Supporting Cleft Lip & Cleft Palate Surgeries in Mexico". [CLICK HERE](#) to contact Bud Eckhart if your club is interested in being a partner.

#### ARIZONA ROTARY MICROCREDIT PROGRAM

Three Global Grants, from 2013-2018, totaling \$274,000 established the basis for this program which is shared between D5500 & D5495 in Arizona. Businesses in Hermosillo, Mexico getting loans must have an 18 month history and looking for expansion capital. Loans start range from \$300 to \$1000.

Green Valley and Valle Verde are Partners in the Arizona Microcredit Committee, committing \$5,000 over 5 years and other clubs who have donated to the program are Casas Adobes, Mountain Empire, Tubac and Tucson Sunrise.

[CLICK HERE](#) to contact Gary Friedman if your club is interested in learning more about the program, in becoming a Donor or Partner and going on one of the 5 yearly no-cost trips to Hermosillo and Nogales meeting with those whose lives we help improve.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Last year, our Foundation funded more than 1,100 global grants, 470 district grants, and 310 disaster response grants to help communities thrive. Rotary Direct is one of the easiest and most secure ways for YOU to support the Foundation: because contributions are automated, donors don't need to worry about sending checks or remembering to make an annual contribution on time.

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