

Eighteen Clubs Receive District Grant Awards

Thanks to the generosity of Rotarians in our District giving to The Rotary Foundation three years ago we were able to award \$50,564 for 16-17 to clubs to carry out projects in their communities and internationally. This represents an increase from the 15-16 grant awards of \$19,966. As you know, of all the funds raised each year for the Foundation in our District, 50% of it comes back to our District to support club projects through the grant process and youth exchange. Also a requirement is that each club matches the funds received and therefore \$101,128 will be put into projects by Rotary throughout our District to help improve and strengthen our communities as well as other locations in the world. In addition \$5000 of the District funds were set aside by District Leadership to help build and encourage the Youth Exchange Program.

Below is a brief summary of the projects awarded for 16-17.

Bedford: In partnership with Bertha's Mission the funds will provide supplies to help low income individuals develop healthy, productive lives.

Bloomington: In partnership with PALS (People & Animal Learning Services) this project will assist with the renovation of the outside facility of the therapeutic riding center.

Bloomington Sunrise: This project will assist in providing reliable and accessible transportation through the help of purchase of an accessible vehicle for people with intellectual disabilities.

Brown County: Funds will go to help recreate the original pump house on the Nashville Village Green in downtown Nashville.

Clarksville: This project will help in providing funds to help with scholarships for high school seniors.

Columbus Sunrise: In partnership with the Love Chapel and the Columbus Rotary Club this project provides operating equipment at a new facility for the homeless population.

Evansville: This project will provide kitchen and baking equipment for the Multiple Attention Center of Tizimin, Yucatan, Mexico, which is a school serving youth and young adults who require special education needs and face barriers to learning.

Evansville Morning: As part of the Evansville Parks and Recreation Master Plan this project improves a path inside the large city park.

Franklin: In partnership with the Johnson County Community Foundation these funds will launch the 'Color the County' mural program joining local artists in the process of mural-making transform public spaces, neighborhood identities and individual lives.

Greenwood: In partnership with the Greenwood Parks and Recreation Department this project will help with the construction of a trail connecting 'Play Pockets.'

Greenwood White River: In partnership with the Johnson County Parks Department and the Johnson County Public Library this project will install a Storywalk in the park to encourage literacy with the joys of nature.

Jasper: In partnership with the Eagle Scouts, the Jasper's Lion Club Park and the City of Jasper these funds will purchase two handicapped accessible exercise work stations for the park.

Martinsville: In partnership with the YMCA funds will assist with the replacement of deteriorating playground equipment at the YMCA.

Mooreville, Decatur: In partnership with the Morgan County Park board funds will provide planting materials and labor in the newest county park.

New Albany: In partnership with the City of New Albany funds will provide for the installation of a historic-style drinking water fountain in the New Albany Bicentennial Park for people and pets.

North Vernon: In partnership with the Jennings County Probation Department funds will assist with the purchase of grounds equipment to care for the grounds at the domestic violence shelter.

Vincennes: These funds are to establish Rotary Reading 'corners' at three local public schools to encourage the reading of 'classic' books.

Washington: In partnership with The Washington Carnegie Public Library and the Daviess Community Hospital this project will provide the parents of newborns a book, a literacy guide, and an application for a library card to encourage parents to take an active role in their children's literacy.