

## Projects and Programs Supported by The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale For the Year 2017 – 2018

**End Polio Now:** Through The Rotary Foundation our club supports an international project called Polio Plus. Rotarians, with the help of the World Health Organization, has almost eliminated Polio from the world. Work began in the late 70's when there were 350,000 "wild" cases of polio annually and in 2017 there were less than 25 reported "wild" cases in the world. In the first 2 months of 2018 there have only been 2 reported "wild" cases in the world. The goal is to eliminate the disease and prevent it from ever returning.

**Rotary Scholarships** – Distribute approximately \$50,000 to eligible Broward County high school graduates pursuing higher education and vocational education. Over the past 50 years, over \$2 million has been awarded in direct aid to very deserving students.

**Rotary Delivers Wheelchairs** - sponsors the delivery of wheelchairs from the Wheelchair Foundation to people around the world in need of mobility. Many times this is the first time the recipient has had any mobility in their lives.

**Weekly Wheelchairs** – The club dedicates the delivery of a wheelchair, to a person in need of hope and mobility somewhere in the world, in the name of the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale's weekly club meeting

**Water Projects** - Funds the construction of potable water wells in South Africa and filtration systems in Kenya. These projects are located at schools which encourage the parents to send their children to school.

**Sanitation Project:** Help with the cost to provide waterless toilets in South Africa.

**Thanksgiving Baskets:** Provides full Thanksgiving dinners for needy families in Fort Lauderdale in collaboration with the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale.

**Turkey's Take Flight:** Provides full Thanksgiving dinners for needy families in Immokalee, FL and volunteers fly them in their private planes from Fort Lauderdale to Immokalee and they are given to the families who work in the fields growing many of the vegetables we consume every day.

**Challenge Air** – This program builds self-esteem in children/youth with special needs through the exhilaration of riding in a private aircraft, and if they can sit in the co-pilot seat they may hold the controls once airborne. Annually about 90 children/youth fly from Fort Lauderdale's Executive Airport.

**Power of One Hour** - Improves the physical environment including public spaces and homes of the needy or incapacitated throughout our community in coordination with the City of Fort Lauderdale Community Civic Volunteer Corps and the Partnership for the Homeless.

**Rotary Youth Exchange** – The club supports inbound high school students from other countries who are selected through a competitive application process to study in the United States during a year of their high school career; in exchange, American students also spend a year abroad learning a new culture.

**Direct grant-in-aid** - funding to local organizations including the Salvation Army, Project Stable Foundation, Children's Literacy Projects, and other qualified organizations approved by the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale

**Annual Children's Toy Drive** - Rotarians provide Toys for needy children in at Broward County health care facilities at Christmas.

**Senior Care** – Rotarians provide gifts for seniors at Christmas and also fellowship with them.

**Hurricane Relief** – Following hurricanes in South Florida our club mobilizes very quickly to collect and distribute needed supplies to the affected areas. This past year supplies were sent to the Florida Keys and Puerto Rico.

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