The Annual Fund - SHARE Program

Rotarians in District 7620 should know that their contributions to the Rotary Foundation are, in many cases, used to fund projects both here and abroad that are developed and implemented by their fellow 7620 Rotarians. Instead of a committee at "home office" in Evanston, Ill., determining which projects are worthy on a global scale, Rotarians in Rotary districts around the world are asked to determine what humanitarian needs should be funded and how. The SHARE program refers to how contributions are "shared" with Rotary districts around the world, asking Rotarians in every country to help determine the needs of their communities and the best programs to Do Good in the World.

Through the SHARE system, contributions to The Rotary Foundation are transformed into grants that fund local and international humanitarian projects, scholarships, and activities, such as vocational training teams. At the end of every Rotary year, contributions directed to the Annual Fund-SHARE from all Rotary clubs in the district are divided between the World Fund and the District Designated Fund, or DDF.

At the end of three years, our district can use the DDF to pay for Foundation, club, and district projects that your club and others in the district choose. Our District uses 50% of our DDF to fund district grants. The remaining DDF may be used for global grants or donated to PolioPlus, the Rotary Peace Centers, or another district.

To learn more details about the Annual Fund – SHARE program, see our training video custom produced for District 7620 at http://vimeopro.com/pixelwor/rotary-grants-chalk-talk (Special thanks to Rotarian Dave Bittner, member of the Rotary Club of Columbia Patuxent, and owner of Pixel Workshop, for videoing and producing this video.