

ANNAPOLIS ROTARY CLUB GIVES \$38,800 IN GRANTS FROM CRAB FEAST

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– The Rotary Club of Annapolis has announced 23 grants totaling \$38,800 from the proceeds of the August 2019 Crab Feast. Funds raised each year at the annual Crab Feast are distributed to nonprofit organizations benefitting the community.

The following organizations received grants this year: American Red Cross of Southern Maryland; Annapolis Elementary “Backpack Buddies” Nutrition Program; Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park; Anne Arundel County Food Bank; Arundel House of Hope; Assistance League of the Chesapeake; Backpack Buddies – Heritage Baptist Church; Caring Cupboard; Chrysalis House; Creating Communities; Dare to C.A.R.E. Foundation; HeartSmart – Roop Cardiac Support and Education Foundation; Homes for America; Langton Green; Maryland Therapeutic Riding; Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland; Rolling Knolls Elementary – Backpack Buddies Program; Seeds 4 Success, Start the Adventure In Reading; The Blue Ribbon Project; The Light House; The Way Homes; and YMCA Camp Letts.

The 75th annual Crab Feast will be August 7, 2020 at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. The event welcomes 2,000+ people from across the region to enjoy all-you-can-eat steamed crabs, Maryland vegetable crab soup, corn on the cob, BBQ, draft beer, soda, and water.

To learn more about the Rotary Club of Annapolis, or to attend a meeting of the Club’s Lunch, Breakfast, or Happy Hour Group, please visit the website at www.annapolisrotary.org or contact Frank Andracchi, 410-615-0460.

RYLA WAS INSPIRATIONAL

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This year’s RYLA was magical and inspirational. I received many emails from student participants immediately after the leadership camp, but I’d like to share one of my favorite ones to the district:

My name is C.A. I'm a current junior at Northeast High School in Pasadena and I recently attended Rotary District 7620's RYLA! It was an absolutely amazing and meaningful experience that left me feeling excited and inspired to lead a fulfilling life. Without your help, it would not be possible. Thank you so much for your help in getting me to RYLA 2020. Expanding on that, I am avidly and extremely determined to broaden my leadership experience, Ms. Cruz. I was wondering if you had any opportunities for me to be able to study abroad? Whether it be a year or a 6-week program sponsored by a Rotary club, I am without a doubt set on doing anything I possibly can to study abroad. It has, seriously, always been a dream of mine to study abroad and expand my knowledge someplace far from home, meet new people, and experience other cultures. So, that's why I'm writing you this email, I want to show you I will do anything (literally anything like I will learn a whole new language in two months and learn how to do a backflip if I have to) it takes to study abroad through RYLA! I feel like I am ready to take the next step to my dream!

Thank you so much again for giving

me the opportunity to attend RYLA and I hope you can connect me with more.

I'd also like to thank all 36 Rotary Clubs from our around district for sponsoring students this year. Many Clubs stepped up this year and sponsored additional students from what they had originally budgeted. Others sponsored students from outside their county and made this a reality for students!

This would not have been possible without your support. We also had a 9 Club sponsorship increase from last year!

This year’s District RYLA Committee was truly the dream team. I owe my success to them.

PS: Here is the photo link: <https://pdart.pixieset.com/rotary/> of the pictures that were taken this past weekend. Enjoy!

Rotary Clubs and Organizations Sponsoring RYLA Students:
Aberdeen, Annapolis, Baltimore, Baltimore Sunset, Bel Air, Bethesda-Chevy Chase, BWI, Capitol Hill, Carroll Creek, Charles Co. LaPlata, College Park, Columbia, Columbia-Patuxent, Downtown Silver Spring, Dupont Circle, Elkridge, Ellicott City, Ellicott City Sunrise, Frederick, Gaithersburg, Glen Burnie, Greenbelt, Hunt Valley, Lake Shore-Severna Park, Leonardtown, Lexington Park, Metro Bethesda, Parole (Annapolis), Potomac, Samuel Williams Leadership, South Anne Arundel, Southern Frederick, Southern Harford County, Upper Marlboro, Washington and Westminster.