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#### **GAITHERSBURG ROTARY FOUNDATION GRANT AWARDS**

**Gaithersburg, Maryland, 10/20/17:** The Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation was formed by members of the Rotary Club of Gaithersburg and received 501(C)(3) status in July 2014. The Foundation awards grants twice yearly to local and international organizations that support the Rotary six areas of focus: promote peace; fight disease; provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene; save mothers and children; support education; and grow local economies. We would like to congratulate the most recent recipients.

- Metropolitan Ballet Theatre. Founded in 1989, Metropolitan Ballet Theatre and Academy is a nonprofit organization committed to inspiring young students to dance by providing structured training while giving each dancer the opportunity to experiment with their own creativity. Funds will provide toe shoes for student dancers.  
<http://mbtdance.org/>
- Real Foods for Kids – Montgomery. Their mission is to collaborate with school communities to elevate the quality and character of school food, develop and deliver programs that advance literacy in nutrition and health, and engage students, parents, and schools in building a culture of health that spreads to their homes and communities. The funds will be used to teach children and their families cooking skills, nutrition education, and other wellness topics.  
<http://www.realfoodforkidsmontgomery.org/>
- Mentors of Minorities in Education. Since 2000, M.O.M.I.E has served and supported almost 12,000 children and youth ages 3 to 18, the majority who are low-income African-American children living in Washington, DC and Maryland, through in-class, After School and Summer Camp programming. Funds will support the youth mentorship program. <http://www.momiestic.org/>
- Universal Aid for Children of Ukraine is dedicated to fulfilling the medical, educational and emotional needs of orphans, orphanage graduates, displaced children and young people with disabilities in the Odessa region of Ukraine. Funds will be used to complete and expand a woodworking vocational training program for the most at-risk teen refugees served by UAC. Woodworking, is a trade that is highly valued in the Ukraine.  
<http://www.uacukraine.org/>

- Disaster Aid USA is a Rotarian operated project whose aims are to provide immediate disaster relief and humanitarian aid, in the US and worldwide to victims of natural or man-made disasters. Funds will be used to distribute water filters to hurricane victims in Puerto Rico. <http://www.disasteraidusa.com/>
- Global Re-Vision Network uses recycled eyeglasses and easily-trained local workers to provide a simple, effective solution to a huge but solvable problem facing humankind – vision impairment. <http://www.globalrevision.org/index.html>

Rotary International has more than 1.2 million members in clubs in nearly every country in the world. For more than 110 years, Rotary members have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. The Rotary Club has served the City of Gaithersburg since 1966 and meets in the Gaithersburg Holiday Inn on Tuesdays at noon. Please visit our club to learn more about Rotary, get to know leaders in your community, and find out how you can make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad. Links: [www.gaithersburgrotary.org](http://www.gaithersburgrotary.org) <https://www.rotary.org/en>