

**The Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation**  
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**GAITHERSBURG ROTARY FOUNDATION PROVIDES NEW GRANTS LOCALLY  
AND INTERNATIONALLY DURING 2021**

Gaithersburg, MD, 12/30/2021: This year, the Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation gave donations to important and timely causes, meeting needs both locally and internationally. Again, these included COVID relief. All donations go to worthy causes vetted by foundation directors. Rotary Clubs cannot give tax exemptions directly, so most create 501(c)(3) foundations. The Rotary Club of Gaithersburg formed one in 2003 so it could grant funds to non-governmental organizations that work locally and in developing countries.

Grants during 2021 included COVID relief in India, Monarch butterfly gardens at Gaithersburg High School and Lakelands Middle School, community support to Interfaith Works and Gaithersburg HELP, and relief and research on Alzheimer's Disease. It contributed also to Filipino American Cancer Care, Special Love to help children with cancer; San Camilo Children's Home in Argentina for medical needs; the Upcounty Consolidation Hub in Germantown for Christmas and holiday toys, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) training at Fox Chapel Elementary School, composting at DuFief Elementary School, and a Rotary leadership skills program for high schoolers called Youth & Peace in Action. In addition, the Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation again awarded scholarships to graduating seniors in Gaithersburg High School (the Sam and Ester Eig Scholarship) and in Quince Orchard High School (the Linda M. Hanson Memorial Scholarship). These annual awards help outstanding seniors pay for college education.

The Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation is continuing its fund-raising. Our Flags for Our Heroes event was held again at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg during the Memorial Day weekend. Rotarians of the Gaithersburg, Montgomery Village and Historic Emery Grove Rotary Clubs joined together for this spectacular event (see <https://flagsforourheroes.org/>).

Contributions to the Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation can be made by PayPal to [GaithersburgRotaryFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:GaithersburgRotaryFoundation@gmail.com), or click [here](#). You can also send a check made payable to the Gaithersburg Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 312, Gaithersburg MD 20884-0312.