

Greensburg Rotary Provides Ten Grants to Local Not-for-Profits

Coming off a stellar fundraising year, Greensburg Rotary did what Rotarians do best - giving back to their community to help make the world a better place. In this case, it came in the form of \$4,500 in grants to local not-for-profits that have proven their commitment to addressing current needs in the Decatur County community. Club president Alex Sefton had the honor of officially presenting these grants, with organization representatives taking time to give Greensburg Rotarians an overview of their organization and its impacts in the community.



[Decatur County Family YMCA](#) (\$1000) was represented by its CEO and fellow Rotarian, Diane Hart-Dawson. Hart-Dawson stressed that the Y's focus was putting Christian principles into practice. This is demonstrated by the significant assistance they give in financial aid to help families afford membership dues, childcare, and youth programs. Last year, that assistance totaled over \$86,000!

Next was [Our Hospice](#) (\$350). Our Hospice of Decatur County is a not-for-profit community-based organization providing hospice and bereavement care to area residents since 1980.



The third grant recipient was [Girls, Inc. of Shelbyville](#) (\$350), was represented by their president & CEO, Amy Dillon, and new director, Ashley Martin. While based in Shelby County, this organization is also heavily involved in providing a variety of programs to boys and girls at North & South Decatur Middle Schools, as well as some at the high school level. These include in-school programs on healthy sexuality, conflict resolution, economic literacy, and drug and violence prevention.

[St. Paul Choppers for Coppers](#) (\$200), represented by St. Paul Chief of Police Josh Kuntz and Rotarian Emily Steele, was created in 2015 to assist the St. Paul Indiana Police Department with raising funds. Their 2022 annual motorcycle and Jeep ride included 70+ motorcycles, 100+ Jeeps and 400+ Pork Chop meals. Funds raised go to purchasing equipment and training for St. Paul police officers as well as providing



ROTARY CALENDAR

Aug 15 - Small Business Meeting - Emily Steele

Aug 22 - Doug Watson/Watson Knife Works - Knife making - Jenni Hanna

Aug 29 - Social Event, Lake Santee Community Center (Time TBD)

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The [Rotary Leadership Institute \(RLI\)](#) is offering its three-part training course online on August 20 starting at 7:45am. Greensburg Rotary is covering course costs for any member who wishes to attend. [Contact Alex Sefton or Lora Williams for more information.](#)

These courses are designed to provide quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills to Rotarians interested in developing their Rotary participation.

GREENSBURG ROTARY PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Hey, Rotary Fam!

Monday's meeting was special as we got to hear from the leaders of ten great organizations that we could support with the proceeds of our Archery Tournament. These organizations embody our motto, "Service Above Self." Many of these organizations are near and dear to our hearts, and members of our club are also involved in many of them. I feel so fortunate to live in a community with such a robust, caring, and dedicated nonprofit sector. Be sure to join us next week as we welcome our very own Emily Steele to the podium as she teaches us about small business marketing. Em is a wealth of knowledge, and our Club is so lucky to have her! Until then, go out into the world and make a difference!

You are loved!

Best,

Alex



(GRANTS—Cont'd from Page 1) supplies, technology, and back packs to North Decatur schools.

[Speranza House](#) (\$600), which gave a presentation at the Rotary meeting on 11 July, was represented by co-executive director Devan Dwenger and administrative assistant Brittany Harrison. With the mission of providing “a nurturing, sober, home-like environment to women who struggle with addiction” and a high success rate of 64%+, this faith-based organization has helped 66 women overcome addiction by “loving them until they can love themselves.”



The sixth recipient organization was [All for One Ministries \(The Branch\)](#) (\$600) represented by general manager Samantha “Sam” Baldwin and executive director, and Greensburg Rotary president, Alex Sefton. Founded in 2021, with The Branch Gathering Place & Coffee House opening in June of this year, All for One Ministries, a faith-based organization, has partnered with multiple, local organization including Rotary, New Directions Ministries, and the Cheer Fund by providing over \$2,000 in grants that help provide school supplies to local schools and students, address domestic violence, and collect canned food for families in need. They also provide a downtown Greensburg meeting place with great, sustainably-sourced coffee.

The next recipient, represented by Rotary Assistant District Governor Mandy Lohrum, was the [Hospital Foundation of Decatur County](#) (\$600). This organization supports local health care events and initiatives through grants and service support. This includes paying for the testing at the annual Heath Fair, with 1027 local residents receiving free health screening tests since 2018. They also provided a grant to the Decatur County Hospital Radiology Department for the purchase of a blanket warmer and blankets. The Hospital Foundation of Decatur County is also heavily engaged with our communities newest resident, providing every newborn at the hospital with a sleeper sack blanket designed to help prevent Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, as well as partnering with United Fund to provide books for children from 0-5 years old.



Tim Hausmann of [Youth to Yellowstone](#) (\$350) told Rotarians that his organization identifies “travel challenged” youth in local high schools and provides them with a complimentary trip to Yellowstone/Grand Teton National Park. This 4,000+ mile trip includes stops in the Badlands of South Dakota, Crazy Horse Monument, and Mount Rushmore. The high schools then spend eight days camping and hiking in Yellowstone. Adult chaperones are all volunteers who pay their own way, so all proceeds go to supporting the youth trip.

The ninth recipient, [Community Health Care Clinic](#) (\$200) was represented by director Rosie Stewart. This organization provides medical and dental services for low-income, inadequately-insured residents. They’ve recently moved to their newly renovated location in the Rural King Shopping Center, and they’re supported by the volunteer efforts of numerous local physicians and dentists.

The final recipient of a Greensburg Rotary grant was [Decatur County 4 Kids](#) (\$100) represented by Teresa Hoeing. This organization, originally begun under the state’s Prevent Child Abuse Indiana program, spun off as an individual non-profit in 2012 when state funding was cut. With the goals of providing education to the community, increasing awareness of abuse, and working to empower individuals to work toward solutions, Decatur County 4 Kids provides education about child abuse prevention, internet safety, and anti-bullying. This small, grass-roots organization also provides winter coats for needy children every October.



New York State Department of Health Updates New Yorkers On Polio In New York

Adapted from [NY Dept of Health Press Release](#) (August 1, 2022) – The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) updated New Yorkers on polio in New York State. Following the [identification](#) of a case of polio in a Rockland County resident, NYSDOH launched wastewater surveillance and other detection efforts. Following analysis from the CDC, the polio virus was detected in samples from June in Rockland County. These findings underscore the critical importance of vaccination to protect all New Yorkers and New York children against polio.

“Polio is a dangerous disease with potentially devastating consequences,” State Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said. “In the United States, we are so fortunate to have available the crucial protection offered through polio vaccination”.

New York wastewater samples were shared with the Global Polio Laboratory Network which confirmed that the case in New York is genetically linked to two Sabin-like type 2 (SL2) isolates, collected from the early June samples from Rockland County and samples from greater Jerusalem, Israel as well as to the recently-detected VDPV2 from environmental samples in London, UK.

Polio is a serious, life-threatening, and very contagious disease. An individual can transmit the virus even if they aren't sick. While there is no treatment or cure for polio, it is preventable through safe and effective vaccination.