



Rotary Foundation - November is Rotary Foundation Month.

It is gratifying to know that for the 11th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received a FOUR star (the highest possible rating) from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

In the most recent ratings, the Foundation earned the maximum of 100 points for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

In a letter to the Foundation, Charity Navigator noted that "Only 1 percent of the charities we evaluate have received at least ten consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that The Rotary Foundation outperforms other charities in America". This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets The Rotary Foundation apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness.

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Thought for the week: Being positive isn't pretending that everything is good - it's seeing the good in everything

CLUB NEWS

16 November: Our speaker was Paul Harris Fellow, Collin Nyabadza, originally from Zimbabwe and now living in Canada. He continues to work tirelessly to help children have a brighter future through improving their educational opportunities. He highlighted his wonderful humanitarian work to help thousands of underprivileged children in rural Zimbabwe.

An example of making a difference is the generosity and kindness of one man. [Collin Nyabadza](#) is such a man, passionate about education and making a difference to children. He strongly believed that financial challenges should not hold a child back from getting an education.

He chose to work at a rural school in Zimbabwe, in an impoverished area where children and families were in great need. He saw other teachers come and go, as they found the hardships too heavy to bear. Yet, he chose to stay...

He did his best to help his students by providing a steady, consistent and positive presence. He was dedicated. He was tenacious. He showed up, he supported, and he taught, believing he could make a difference.

Collin saw students hungry for education, hungry for a better and brighter future. He wanted to find ways to help them expand their possibilities in life.

Through his perseverance, Collin found businesses that would sponsor some students to finish their schooling. He gratefully received much-needed gifts for his students, such as stationery, school uniforms, sports equipment and school fees. He rejoiced when an international organisation helped by improving the conditions with school furniture and classrooms. Source: <http://www.childrensvoicezimbabwe.org/>



30 November: Fellowship club meeting and it is [#Rotary #GivingTuesday](#)

Rotary's commitment to Doing Good in the world is possible because of donors like you who want to create positive, lasting change in their communities and around the globe. Your contribution will make an impact, whether you donate \$5 or \$500.

Rotary members who wish to receive contribution credit should give directly at my.rotary.org/giving-tuesday. When you support our Foundation, your gifts will go where the need is greatest. You'll help make lives better in your community and around the world. *Source: Rotary International Facebook Page - Facebook (Meta) pays all the processing fees for you, so 100% of your donation goes directly to The Rotary Foundation.*

The Four Way Test
of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

DECEMBER IS
DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

"The prevention of disease today is one of the most important factors in line of human endeavor."
Charles Mayo

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The Rotary theme for December is
Disease Preventio and Treatment

Global Partnership for Education Teams Up with Rotary to Advocate for Education

Rotary's relationship with the Global Partnership for Education is already having an impact, as incoming district governors learned at the International Assembly in January. "Together we are changing the lives of girls and other vulnerable children in the poorest corners of the world," said Alice P. Albright, the organisation's chief executive officer, in her remarks about the relationship, formed in April 2020. "Rotary has a unique voice and standing on the global stage and in virtually every country. You can use that voice to advocate for more resources and then work with government leaders to ensure that they are distributed equitably."

GPE is a multi-stakeholder partnership and global fund that facilitates improved outcomes and gender equity in education and supports large-scale changes to education systems around the world. In Rwanda, for example, GPE helped increase access to early childhood education by funding training for more than 5,500



teachers, developing teaching kits and play-based instructional materials, and building 400 schools. In Kenya, the organisation helped implement a plan that included making primary education free, which increased enrolment from 72 percent in 2003 to 88 percent in 2012 and closed the gender gap, achieving nearly equal numbers of boys and girls in school. And in Pakistan, GPE provided funding for a distance-learning programme that uses social media platforms and radio, TV, and mobile phones to keep students learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. The programme may even help reach the 19 million children who were not attending school before the pandemic.

Rather than implementing projects in a given country, GPE brings together stakeholders from the public and private sectors around a national education plan; it also channels funding from private donors and governments to help finance those plans. Each country's plan is tailored to its specific needs and aligned with the local education plan supported by the government. In turn, partner countries are encouraged to allocate 20 percent of their domestic budget to education. Ultimately, GPE's goal is for local governments to take responsibility for fully funding a plan that delivers 12 years of schooling, plus a year of preschool, to every girl and boy.

By the numbers

53% of 10-year-olds in low- and middle-income countries cannot read and understand a short age-appropriate text.

100 million+ the number of additional children who will fall below the minimum proficiency level in reading due to the pandemic.

There is at least a 6% reduction in girls' likelihood of marrying before age 18 for each additional year of secondary education.

\$10 trillion is the estimated loss in earnings that this generation of students may face because of the pandemic.

Membership

Are you taking full advantage of everything your Rotary membership has to offer?

We know that our members and people who engage with us seek relevant and fulfilling personally and professionally experiences. How can we make sure we give them meaningful opportunities to learn and evolve with us throughout their lives?

Being connected with Rotary gives you access to a global network of professionals and leaders who share a passion for applying their collective expertise and resources to make a positive change—and have fun while doing it!

Can we learn to:

- Prioritise the needs, expectations, and growth of our potential new members?
- Support new members in finding long-term value in their membership.
- Address what we know about why participants become disengaged/disillusioned.

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