Endowment Naming Opportunities

Your Legacy, Rotary’s Promise

Create a lasting legacy in your own name, or to honor a loved one, to see the impact of your gift and watch it grow over time. You can also make a commitment in your estate plans to support the causes you care about most. Each fund is tracked and reported to you and your district so they are reminded of your generosity for generations to come.

Customized Global Grant Endowed Fund
A customized endowed fund created with up to three of the following options for a minimum gift of $500,000 or up to two of the following for a minimum gift of $250,000:
• Activity (humanitarian projects, scholarships, or vocation training teams)
• Rotary Causes (noted below)
• District
• Geographic location (such as Africa, Asia, or Latin America)

FOR EXAMPLE: The John and Jane Smith Humanitarian Endowed Fund for Maternal and Child Health provides John and Jane’s home district in Southern California with funding for humanitarian grants that enhance maternal and child health anywhere in the world.

Activity Global Grant Endowed Fund
A customized endowed fund that supports one of the following global grant types for a minimum gift of $150,000:
• Humanitarian projects
• Scholarships
• Vocational training teams

FOR EXAMPLE: The John and Jane Smith Endowed Scholarship supports scholarships for graduate studies sponsored by any district for study anywhere in the world.

Named Endowed Fund
An endowed fund that supports your district through SHARE or provides general support to the World Fund, Rotary Peace Centers, or one of Rotary’s causes (listed below) in your name for a minimum gift of $25,000:
• Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
• Disease prevention and treatment
• Water and sanitation
• Maternal and child health
• Basic education and literacy
• Economic and community development

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Endowment Gift Designations

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The principal of a contribution to the Endowment is never spent, but a portion of the earnings is made available annually for specific program activities. A commitment or gift of any amount can be directed to the following funds in Rotary’s Endowment, which provide support as described:

World Fund
The World Fund is spent at the discretion of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees wherever the need is greatest around the world. World Fund spending provides an opportunity for every district to participate in the Foundation’s programs. Per Trustee policy, this is the default designation for undesignated gifts to Rotary of $10,000 or more.

SHARE
Gifts designated to SHARE are currently split equally between the World Fund (defined above) and District Designated Funds. The Rotary district of your choice uses District Designated Funds to participate in the Foundation’s programs.

General Support
The spending portion of gifts designated to a Rotary cause will provide general support to one or more of the following six areas of your choice:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

Rotary Peace Centers
Gifts to the Rotary Peace Centers provide general support for the Foundation’s partnership with leading universities around the world to train professionals in conflict resolution, peace studies, international relations, and other related disciplines.

We are grateful to the devoted friends, leaders, and problem solvers whose generosity provides perpetual support for the Foundation. If you have included The Rotary Foundation in your Will or other estate plan, please complete and return the Your Rotary Legacy card so we may express our gratitude with benefactor or Bequest Society recognition.

Thank you for considering a gift or commitment that will help us provide health, hope, and opportunity to people around the world for years to come.

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