

ROTARY CLUB OF CALGARY WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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Figure 1 - Gary and kids in Guatemala

STRATEGIC FOCUS ON INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

The World Committee Service (WCS) committee has reviewed our strategy and how we can most effectively utilize our limited funds to have the most impact and meet the objectives of the Rotary organization. As a result, all expenditures are focused on projects where we can have an impact on the decision-making process. We do not “write cheques” to organizations who have initiated projects and are just looking for funding.

We also want to ensure that the partner organizations we work with are using the monies we contribute for delivery of projects and not for corporate overhead and fund raising. For this reason, we prefer projects initiated by Rotarians and implemented by volunteers, keeping overhead costs to a minimum. We also prefer to partner with another Rotary club in the recipient country and have an NGO implement under our supervision. We believe that building ongoing relationships helps us to have a greater impact and ensure sustainability of our projects and therefore prefer to focus our activities in areas where we have built an effective communication and implementation network.

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SUMMARY OF PROJECTS

We had a total of **28 projects** in **13 countries** that we committed our funds to last year. Every project we undertake must have a champion from our club. There is often more than one champion and all projects receiving global grants require 3 at each end – from us as the foreign sponsor and from the in-country Rotary club who is the champion of the project.

We currently have **24** active members on the committee, including the International Director who is ex-officio.

Our projects often take several years to implement and therefore we work on more projects than those listed during the year.

All of our committee members are involved in at least one project. Many of them travel to the countries where we are working to ensure programs meet the needs of the local people and are being implemented most effectively.

We believe this is critical to an effective program and allocate funds from our

Summary of Countries

Burkina Faso



Cambodia



Colombia



Guatemala



Malawi



Mexico



Nepal



Nicaragua



Peru



Philippines



Sierra Leone



Uganda



Venezuela



CURLY GALBRAITH GLOBAL MEMORIAL



It should be noted that the Curly Galbraith Global Memorial committee is a subcommittee of WCS which operates separately under Garth Toombs's leadership and report back to the WCS committee. The Curly Galbraith Global Memorial supports AIDS orphans in Uganda by sponsoring University or Trade School education. Now in partnership with the Rotary Club of High River, we are able to sponsor the first year of advanced education for eight new students. The \$7500 raised in memory of Frank Sparks for this fund will also play an important role. There are now 45 graduates, 14 progressing through and 8 starting this Fall.



LEVERAGE

We try to leverage our funds as much as possible and cooperate with other Rotary clubs to help fund projects and apply for grants. Grants are available from our Rotary District (funds returned for this purpose by TRF) and where we are applying for Global Grants from the Canadian government and from TRF.

In the last year, we have been able to obtain matching on most of our projects which is often huge and believe we have made a difference in the lives of over 500,000 people.

FUNDS AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

For the fiscal year 2018/19 the WCS committee received CAD190,000 from the club funds plus another CAD17,000 allocated by the club from the UnGala Event. In addition, an amount of CAD26,239.91 was received in directed donations, primarily from individual club members.

All funds received were allocated. Exact amounts are not currently available since a large number of the commitments were in USD and we have not yet dispersed them all. A reserve for exchange is still in place to cover the commitments made.

CURRENT PROJECTS BY COUNTRY

Burkina Faso – Solar Project – Michael Broadhurst was the primary champion. This was for establishment of a power source in a rural village to help women mill shea butter for sale and therefore be able to support their families. This project was implemented by The Strongest Oak Foundation and had design input from students and faculty at the U. of C.
Allocation: USD10,000

Cambodia – Rotary Club Start Up – Manon Mitchell was the primary champion. Funds were provided to help establish a new Rotary Club in Cambodia. Existing clubs are overextended, and a club was required to partner with us on Cambodia projects.
Allocation: USD500



Figure 2 - New Rotary Club in Cambodia

Cambodia – Child’s Future WASH – Phase 2 - Water Project -- This is a Global Grant Project led by Kurt Kowalchuk which provides clean water for drinking and sanitation in rural Cambodia. The amount allocated includes funds for a needs assessment, a requirement of The Rotary Foundation (TRF)

Allocation: USD25,328

Total Global Grant: USD70,000



Figure 3 - Kurt celebrating water with kids at school in Cambodia

Cambodia – Tuk Tuk for Children -- Manon Mitchell is the primary champion. This is an initiative to provide learning materials to rural children who would otherwise have no access, through a mobile facility (Tuk Tuk). A club from Australia is also involved with this project

Allocation: CAD10,000



Figure 4 - Manon and Tuk Tuk

Cambodia – School Supplies – Walter Haessel and his wife Ann donated the proceeds from a sale of Ann’s art to buy supplies for school children in schools that we support through our education and water projects.

Allocation: (Directed Donation): CAD6,815

Columbia – Meoz Hospital – Our club champion is Tom Loucks. This is one of several Global Grant projects providing pediatric surgical and other equipment to the Erasmo Meoz hospital in Cucuta Columbia. This hospital on the border of Venezuela is trying hard to cope with the collapse of services their neighbors are experiencing. There is a strong Rotary club in Cucuta Columbia.

Allocation: CAD10,000

Total Project: USD63,000

Columbia – Safe Water – Club champion was Kurt Kowalchuk

The project focuses on the rural hamlets of Municipality of Monteria. The project will provide 700 families with household filter systems, repair water systems supplying bathrooms and install a water filter at selected rural schools. In addition, families will receive training in handwashing and filter maintenance and school teachers will receive hygiene educational materials and instruction on teaching their school children about hygiene and handwashing. The project will select, train and motivate volunteers in the community to assist their neighbors who may have problems of questions about their filter systems.

Allocation: CAD5,000

Total Project: USD100,000

Guatemala – Literacy – Primary champion is Barb Young. This is for ongoing support for the major literacy project we are involved with in Guatemala. The Rotary Club of North Bay was the foreign sponsor of the project year.

Allocation: USD10,500

Total Project: USD628,518

Guatemala – Engineering Study – Save Lake Atitlan – Primary champion at this time is Barb Young.

This is the initial stage of a multi-year program to install proper sanitation systems around a major water source in Guatemala. Clubs from throughout N. America are involved. We are looking at pursuing a Global Grant on this project.

Allocation: USD4,000

Guatemala – Education – Barb Young is the primary club champion. A small contribution was made to a Global Grant project being run by Heritage Park Rotary in cooperation with a club we work with in Guatemala, both of whom supported the major Global Grant we had for Guatemalan Literacy. This project is currently focused on training teachers and will then follow up with the application of the training in the classroom. This project will be visited on the next trip to Guatemala.

Allocation: USD800

Total Project: USD39,471

Guatemala -- Elementary School -- Barb Young is the primary champion.

Funds were provided to build a roof over the playground in the school we renovated in rural Guatemala.
Allocation: CAD6,600

Guatemala – Middle School – Barb Young is the primary champion.

The security wall and playground are being repaired and a storage facility being built at the middle school in the rural community where we have been working.
Allocation: CAD11,300

Malawi – Girl’s School – Gerard D’Mello is the champion.

This is an ongoing project led by the Lethbridge Club to support a school founded by a Canadian teacher and a woman from Malawi. This stage provides upgrading of facilities and movement toward sustainability.
Allocation: USD5,000
Total Project: USD235,000

Mexico – Old Folk’s Home – Bev Blair is the club champion

The Costalegre Rotary club is a part-time Rotary Club consisting of 16 USA and Canadian expats vacationing in Barra De Navidad from November to April each year. Over three seasons this club invested CAD38,200 and countless volunteer hours to spruce up the property and provision medical and safety equipment for an Old Folks’ Home in the community that houses 14 vulnerable residents. Our funds were used to complete the project with a new hot water tank, washing machine, mobility aids and furniture for residents to come together in fellowship.
Allocation: CAD3,950

Nepal – Teacher Training – Manon Mitchell is the champion

This is a project under development to provide teacher training in rural Nepal.
Allocation: USD1,680

Nicaragua – Unicam – Training of Medical Personnel – Sonny Belenkie is the champion – This is a project to develop a satellite university to train doctors, dentists and optometrists in an underserved area of the country. Teaching will be to locally recruited students with the expectation that most will remain locally to practice.
Allocation: USD5,000 plus CAD4,014 to date
Total Project: USD222,000



Figure 5 - Garth meeting with Curly Galbraith Memorial Fund recipients

Peru – Light up the World – Manon Mitchell is the champion for this project which was undertaken by U. of C. students. Our contribution covered the cost of materials needed to install solar power in rural villages. Students were there to help with the installation.

Allocation: CAD3,000
Total Project: USD147,000



Figure 6 - U of C Light Up the World Team and Recipients

Peru – Water System - Kurt Kowalchuk was the champion. We supported the construction of a water supply system for Nuevo Huaralica Peru to replace the canal system that was wiped out during the unusual rainy season in 2016 - 2017. This was a project initiated by a club in Montreal which supported one of our projects in Cambodia.

Allocation CAD10,000
Total Project: USD147,000

Philippines – Maternal and Child Health – Gerard D’Mello is the primary champion. The focus of this project is to improve the Maternal and Child Health facility of Sibutad Municipal Hospital (SMH) in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte, Philippines and to improve the capability of SMH and its health workers to deliver the most basic health services to the surrounding communities.

Allocation: USD3,800
Total Global Grant: USD41,200



Figure 7 - Local Rotarians in front of hospital

Sierra Leone – Needs Assessment for Sanitation Project – Charles Pratt is the champion. Charles was in Sierra Leone to visit the sites being proposed for a school project in sanitation. The funds were used to ensure that the local club had the necessary information to come up with an appropriate proposal.

Allocation: USD300

Uganda – Project Management – Various Champions (Michael Broadhurst lead champion) – A number of club members with a local project manager (Pius) to implement projects where on the ground.

Allocation: CAD1,350 plus USD5,000

Uganda – Curly Galbraith Global Memorial – Garth Toombs is the Champion

To date, the fund has assisted 44 Ugandan, mainly AIDS, orphans to graduate from University or Trade School. Forty-three of them are now in full and productive employment. Nine more are at some stage of their 2- or 3-year programs and we are negotiating to provide funding for another 8 new students for 2019-2020.

Allocation: CAD7,000 plus donations received by the committee

Uganda – Global Women's Water Initiative (GWII) – Bev Blair is the champion of this project being done in cooperation with CAWST. CAWST, in partnership with the Global Women’s Water Initiative (GWWI), trains women social entrepreneurs to competently consult, build, train and maintain WASH solutions enabling them to build a sustainable self-funding business model through the resale of professional services to their respective communities. Our contribution plus the matching will be used for capacity-building activities that focus on household water treatment curriculum development, setting up knowledge management systems, and co-facilitating training on water treatment.

Allocation: CAD25,000

Matching: CAD25,000



Figure 8 - Gerard with Pilipino Rotarians

Uganda - Adopt-a-Village Project – A multi-phase project being led by Michael Broadhurst. Includes the following projects:

- Building Repairs
- Computers for School
- Wells
- Stoves
- Water, Farm Project

Total Allocation: USD24,100 plus a directed donation of CAD10,000



Figure 9 - Michael with Ugandan Rotarians and Beneficiaries

Uganda – Breaking the Silence – Lori Forand is the primary champion.

This Menstrual Hygiene Management program is a follow-up project to the Water is Life project (GG1525222). The aim of the project, which involves a Vocation Training Team, is to train trainers/teachers in Kalisizo and Masaka on how to teach Menstrual Hygiene Management and to distribute locally sourced Days for Girls kits in the process. Using the Days for Girls curriculum we will also train male leaders with the “Men Who Know” course and finally ensure that there are two (2) viable Days for Girls enterprises in both Kalisizo and Masaka to continue the Menstrual Hygiene education and provide locally crafted DfG products.

Allocation: USD1,000
Total Project: USD103,000



Figure 10 - Happy girl posing with their Days for Girls kits

ONGOING MAJOR PROJECTS FUNDED IN PRIOR YEARS

Cambodia – Child’s Future, Education Project – Manon is the champion.

This project has completed 2 years of its 3-year term. The main objectives are to decrease rates of illiteracy and increase community support for education in two Districts (Bakan & Kravahn) in rural Cambodia (Pursat Province). Two yearly reports are now indicating that we have moved the needle and students are demonstrating a greater degree of success in school and in the community where they are now actively participating in community meetings.

Total Global Grant: USD221,000



Figure 11 - Kurt and Manon with Project Team, School Officials and Youth Club

Cambodia – Child’s Future WASH – Phase I – Kurt is the champion.

The final report has been accepted by The Rotary Foundation. One of the measures of success was to indirectly measure improvements to health of the school children through a decrease in absences. We aimed for a 10 % improvement. We hit a 24% improvement. In addition, the enrolment in the schools increased by 150 children. It is difficult to attribute this directly to clean water/sanitation; however, an increase in enrolment at schools is common when WASH programs are implemented.

Guatemala – Literacy Project – Barb is the champion.

The year of the program we sponsored which leveraged our USD10,000 into USD625,000 and had contributions from clubs throughout N. America, the Caribbean, and Great Britain. Our program was being implemented throughout the calendar year 2019.

Uganda – Tom Loucks was the champion.

WASH program which was completed in this fiscal year.

Cambodia – Micro-credit program which was completed in this fiscal year. Frank Sparks was the champion.

Kenya - Kajiado Girl’s School – Dave Macdonald is the champion.

This is primarily a water and sanitation project. Conditions in the school in this regard are terrible and they are gradually being improved thru this ongoing project.

FUTURE PLANNED PROJECTS

India – Aurangabad hospital human milk bank – Madeleine King is the champion.



Figure 12 - Madeleine and Bob with Rotarians and Hospital Staff



Figure 14 - Neonatal Unit at Aurangabad hospital - Tiny beneficiaries!



Figure 13 - Milk Bank Unit in Aurangabad hospital

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