

# The Rotary Club of Princeton

**“Service Above Self”**



**“Our World—Not As It Is  
But As It Could Be .....”**

Rotary International



The Rotary Club of Princeton’s **Care to Share** project turns manufacturer’s coupons into valuable personal care gift bags. This project has distributed over 148 gift bags locally to those in need. The project was recognized by Rotary International with a “Significant Achievement Award” for the Rotary Club of Princeton.



The Rotary Club of Princeton’s **9/11 Memorial Blood Drive** honors the memory of the fire fighters and police who died during 9/11 and supports those who continue to put themselves in harms way for our safety. The project is supported by Rotarians who donate blood regularly.

The Rotary Club of Princeton has shown it’s commitment to literacy by joining with Rotary International’s efforts to promote literacy throughout the world. The Rotary Club of Princeton’s **Dictionary Project** has distributed 254 dictionaries to third grade students. Rotary Club of Princeton’s **Thesaurus Project** provides a thesaurus to each sixth grade student in John Witherspoon Middle School and The Princeton Charter School. The club also provides adult ESL students with dictionaries.



The Rotary Club of Princeton supports the **Bangalore Eye Project** at the Rotary Eye Hospital. This project provides avoidable blindness intervention by funding cataract surgery and the use of Intra-Ocular Lens replacement. The poor and needy in rural areas around Bangalore, India have received over 6000 lens replacements. The Rotary Club of Bangalore North coordinates the effort.

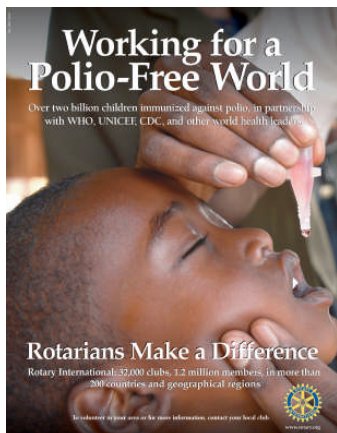
The Rotary Club of Princeton recognizes exemplary achievement in a business or professional career that best models Rotary’s principles, recognizing the dignity of all professions, honoring service to society and high ethical standards. A **Vocational Service Award** is presently annually to a local business person who is not a Rotarian.



The Rotary Club of Princeton’s international project, **Your Children, Our Children** Phase I, was funded by a Matching Grant which provided \$25,000 of specialized equipment and supplies to treat and care for high risk, critical care newborn infants at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Instituto de Maternidad y Ginecologia in Tucuman, Argentina. Phase II of this project focused on providing equipment to the Maternal Intensive Care Unit to reduce the mortality rate of mothers and infants at the facility. The Rotary Club of Princeton partnered with the Rotary Club of Villa Lujan to develop Phase II. This project, which was supported by Rotary Clubs in District 7510 in the USA and by District 4800 in Argentina, was funded by a second Matching Grant of \$25,000.

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Rotary International has announced a partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that will inject a much-needed \$200 million into the **Global Campaign To Eradicate Polio**. The Rotary Foundation has received a \$100-million Gates Foundation Grant, which Rotary will raise funds to match, dollar-for-dollar, over three years. Polio eradication has been Rotary's top priority since 1985. Since then, Rotary has contributed \$633 million to the eradication effort. Most of the initial \$100 million will be spent in support of mass immunization campaigns in polio-affected countries, poliovirus surveillance activities and community education and outreach. The Rotary Club of Princeton supports this effort through its fundraising activities.

The Rotary Club of Princeton's **Annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast** serves 750 to 1000 members of the local community. Funds from the Pancake Breakfast support local student scholarships and community projects.



The Rotary Club of Princeton sponsors an **Interact Club** introducing Rotary's concepts of "Service Above Self" to Princeton High School students between 14-18. In addition, Rotary Club of Princeton sponsors **Bridging the Gap**, a program where students are instructed on how to prepare a business plan. Rotarian volunteers mentor the students during the course of the school term. Rotary Club of Princeton also sponsors a **Roteract Club** for Princeton University students from 18-30 which involves community/international service projects run by students. In addition, the Rotary Club of Princeton supports RI's International **Group Study Exchange**, a program which provides young professionals with a perspective on their vocation in another country and culture.

The Rotary Club of Princeton supports Literacy through its **Pre-School 1st Library** Program which supports three local multi-cultural day care centers. **Tucuman: Literacy for Young Learners**, is an international project which provides dictionaries and reading books to extremely impoverished students in 95 rural elementary schools in Tucuman, Argentina.



The Rotary Club of Princeton's **Valentines for Food Drive** coordinates with a local food pantry and food chain to obtain food donations by selling "Valentine's for Food Cards" which a local food chain matches.

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