



Looking back on 100 years of service to the community!

The Rotary Club of Idaho was established on February 4, 1918 at the Eleanor Hotel. Today, there are 150 active members.

In addition to the long-standing commitment to improvements along the Greenbelt and River Walk in Idaho Falls and the annual Duck Race event, the Idaho Falls Rotary Club has been active in many elements of international service and missions associated with [Rotary International](#).

Idaho Falls Rotarians individually have contributed more than \$670,000 to the Rotary Foundation, which transforms gifts into service projects that change lives, both in our community and around the world.

Additionally, Idaho Falls Rotarians have raised money to support local club members' service projects. Those service projects fall within six areas of focus: 1) peace and conflict resolution; 2) disease prevention and treatment; 3) water and sanitation; 4) maternal and child health; 5) basic education and literacy; 6) and economic and community development.

Disease Prevention and Treatment. Idaho Falls Rotarians have actively contributed to the Rotary International campaign to *End Polio* throughout the world. Efforts have also involved local youth through the Interact Club (youth arm of Rotary for high school students). The club collected funds and painted pinkies purple in an effort to raise awareness amongst youth about the devastating effects of polio. Rotarians and interactors have also raised funds in conjunction with *Pitching to Polio* days at Chukars baseball games.

The club assisted in providing funds for dental equipment and other projects in Thailand and Vietnam. With the support from Rotary International, the club also raised money to provide anesthesia centers in Tanzania, prosthetics to amputees in Kwanza, and medical supplies to Buganda Medical Center library.

The club, with assistance from Rotary International and Rotary District 5400, provided funds for earthquake relief at medical facilities in Tokai Mura, Japan, with assistance from the Sister Cities Organization.

Water and Sanitation. Idaho Falls Rotarians have contributed to a project that provided more than 28 water wells in Nigeria, serving nearly 60,000 people.

Maternal and Child Health. The Idaho Falls Rotary Club, through funds from Rotary District 5400, provided a portable dental station in pre-schools and elementary schools for educational purposes. The club led the effort locally to raise money and pack 500,000 meals to send to

orphans in Haiti. The *Helping Hands for Haiti* project involved assistance from many local organizations and corporations.

Basic Education and Literacy. The Idaho Falls Rotary Club collaborated with local artists and School District 91, through funding from Rotary District 5400, in the *Lighting the Way to Literacy* project. The project involved decorating lampshades that were auctioned off to raise money for the local *One District, One Book* literacy program.

Idaho Falls Rotarians also raised money to provide emergency shelter or emergency supplies in response to the Philippines tsunami, as well as the Haiti, Mexico City and Nepal earthquakes.