<u>6 More Reasons Why We Need Your Help!!!</u>

The Rotary Club of Apple Valley has been supporting Local, Regional, and International projects like these for over 20 years and the current need is greater than ever.

India Village Clinic

Apple Valley Rotary club has been a key supporter of IVC programs in India for over 10 years. It has given us grants every year for the expansion of our healthcare services in the poor villages of India. In the curative program we have gone up from serving annually 10,000 to 40,000 people. In the preventative healthcare program, the expansion has been exponential, form serving 3000 people to over 180,000 people annually. Additionally, for the last three years Apple Valley has helped us start a new school in Marufpur, India. In 2019-20 apple Valley was the sponsoring club in obtaining a \$15,000 district 9550 grant to install solar power for the school. Apple Valley rotary is a most valuable partner of IVC in serving the less fortunate in the rural villages of India. Together, we are changing lives in the area we serve.

http://www.villageclinic.org/

Independent School District 196

Thank you again for your generosity and interest in supporting English learners in District 196. You make a difference in the lives of our students.

The AV Rotary has consistently donated books for students to take home. English learners (and others) from Pre-kinder through seniors in high school and their families have added to their home libraries with those donations.

Your \$2,350 donation to Adventures in Learning provided the opportunity for 350 English learners to go on an all-day field trip with Wilderness Inquiry. The field trip was an unforgettable experience for many, as part of the day involved canoeing at Fort Snelling State Park. Few of the students had been to the park and even fewer had ever been in a canoe. Two years later, teachers still share work where students have written about that day, and students still approach me in school hallways and ask if I remember when we went canoeing.

Thanks in part to your 2020 donation, for the first time ever, we are able to provide targeted English language development instruction during Camp Propel 2020 (summer school). We are excited about your support and look forward to working together in support of District 196 English learners.

Thank you for making a difference, Jenny L.

Jenny EL Lead Teacher ISD 196

The DanO Fund

The Apple Valley Rotary supports so many worthwhile organizations and causes. The Rotary should be commended for their long-time support of those organizations but also recognized for their willingness to continue to reach out and support additional organizations such as The DanO Fund. The DanO Fund exists to fight the stigma of mental illness and suicide. The initial contribution of the Apple Valley Rotary has afforded the opportunity to educate first responders and act as a resource for individuals/families dealing with mental illness and suicide. The continuation of contributions/support of the Apple Valley Rotary will allow us to grow our outreach to help... Thank You...

https://www.danofund.org/

M.O.M.S.

Thank you, Apple Valley Rotary,! The M.O.M.S. Program is SO blessed and grateful for the partnership we have with you. Through your generosity with grants to our Crisis Fund, and Education Fund (funds that 100% of the money is used for our moms in the program.) we have been able to help move our single moms from poverty to self-sufficiency. The Education Fund has helped some of our moms get certifications, helped buy textbooks for college courses, and will help 4 other moms get started with college classes this Fall. Our Crisis Fund has helped so many moms in their time of need, helping with car repairs, helping with rent so they are not evicted, and during the winter months we were able to purchase coats and boots for our kids in the program so they could stay warm. Thank you for helping us make a difference in the life of a single mom and her kids for generations to come!

Kathryn Executive Director M.O.M.S. Program "Making our Moms Successful" momsprogram.org

Kids 'n Kinship

Funding from the Rotary makes it possible for us to provide the needed guidance, encouragement and support of our 73 youth. Our young people need nurturing connections as they develop. Research shows that a network of caring adults provides the buffer that combats the psychological and physiological damage from adverse childhood experiences and is a key part of healing and thriving.

Our outcomes and surveys point to our effectiveness and the need it is serving – for both our youth and our community members.

- 96% of the youth experience less isolation because of their mentor match
- 95% of the youth have established a positive relationship with their adult mentor.
- 99% reduction of risky behavior during the time they were matched with a mentor.
- 85% of mentors say they have a greater understanding of issues facing families in our community than when they first joined Kids 'n Kinship.
- 81% of mentors say their connectedness to the community has increased
- 100% of mentors report a sense of belonging to the Kids 'n Kinship Program

The impact can best be seen through a story:

From Mentor: "This mentoring relationship has meant a lot to both of us. It has really given me a great sense of purpose to help expand his social opportunities and getting to do some of the things we have done. Our best memory so far are the two airshows we saw in July where we got to get up close and personal with both old war birds and the new ones including the Blue Angels. Hope to keep the great experiences going forward"!

Kids 'n Kinship mentee's parent said, "Meeting his mentor has showed him what a real friend is. They do so many different things together. My son has really enjoyed going to the air shows with his mentor and seeing all the old planes but the one in Duluth was the best."

"From my point of view, my son has opened up more with his mentor. He takes the initiative to connect with his mentor vs waiting for him and gets excited to hang out with him. His Mentor has really made a positive impact on my son's life."

This youth struggled with various mental health needs that saw him wait several years for a mentor. However we were happy to finally make the perfect connection. It has brought the youth out of his shell, given him confidence, and helped his self-esteem.

https://www.kidsnkinship.org/

MISSION E4

Apple Valley Rotary supports Mission E4, a non-profit that has schools and orphanages in Haiti that help feed over 3000 children. They have a holistic, sustainable approach to helping people by finding the root of the problem based on an assessment from the community itself. They provide daily meals, education and medical needs for their school children and their families.

https://www.missione4.org/