

Subject: Giving and Grants: Celebrate Rotary's 113th birthday

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Take action to create change locally and globally



Rotary scholar in action

Levi Vonk, a Rotary Foundation global grant scholar, puts his education into action helping migrants in southern Mexico.

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GIVING UPDATES

Give the Gift of Rotary

On 23 February, Rotary will celebrate its 113th anniversary. Consider making a special [birthday gift](#) to The Rotary Foundation today. When you give to the Annual Fund, you empower Rotarians like you to improve their communities and make lasting change.

GRANT UPDATES

Updated global grant report now available

Last month we unveiled changes to the global grant reporting section of the [Grant Center](#). The updated report matches the layout and wording in the global grant application. In addition, questions were rephrased for clarity, and the financial section was simplified. We believe these changes will make it easier for clubs to report on the tremendous work that

they accomplish through global grants.

Learn more about these changes during a webinar (English only) on 15 February. You can [register for it now](#).

Community assessment resources

Starting 1 July, any club or district that applies for a global grant to support a humanitarian project or a vocational training team must conduct a community assessment first and include the [results](#) in their grant application. Here are some resources to help you carry out your assessment:

- Rotary's [Community Assessment Tools](#) has ideas and proven methods for assessing a community's resources and needs.
- A [Rotary Community Corps](#) (RCC) is a group of people who aren't Rotarians but who partner with Rotary clubs to improve their communities. Working with an RCC to carry out a community assessment gives everyone in your community the chance to be heard. [Learn how](#) the Rotary Club of Cartagena de India in Colombia formed an RCC to assess and rebuild their community after severe flooding.
- Your [district international service chair](#) can refer you to local experts through the District Resource Network to help you carry out assessments and develop projects that have greater impact and sustainability.

Rotary Grants staff can help

One of the best resources available to grant applicants is the [Rotary Grants staff](#). Grants staff members draw on the Foundation's long experience in funding effective projects and their own professional expertise and educational background. They are well positioned to help grant applicants make sure their projects are eligible for funding by performing a preliminary application review or helping sponsors redesign projects to meet Foundation requirements. To request a preliminary review of an application, Rotarians can contact their grant officer or write to grants@rotary.org.

Work with Habitat for Humanity on low-cost shelter projects

To help clubs and districts provide low-cost shelter to those most in need, Rotary has formed a [service partnership with Habitat for Humanity](#). Clubs can work with Habitat affiliates and their local communities to design and deliver long-term, affordable housing to families in need. Clubs and districts can also use global grants to help fund the cost of building low-cost shelters, as long as the construction is part of a comprehensive project related to an area of focus. [Learn more](#) about constructing low-cost shelters using global grants.

RESOURCES & REFERENCE

Check out the following resources:

- Revised [District Rotary Foundation Seminar Leader's Guide](#)
- [The Rotary Foundation Reference Guide](#)

- [A Guide to Global Grants](#)
- Rotary Foundation Basics course in Rotary's [Learning Center](#)



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