



扶輪基金保管委員會主委文告

## 我們的奉獻積沙成塔

身為會計師，我透過收入與支出的透鏡來看世界。我們今天可以精確為明天做規劃。我的職業也教會我數字——那些收入與支出——有時可以述說出很棒的故事。

其中一個故事便是扶輪基金會：它帶給世界的——從最初 26.5 美元的有限捐款出發——稱得上精彩非凡。

1918 年，這筆錢——當年在密蘇里州堪薩斯市舉辦的扶輪年會的剩餘款——在 1916-17 年度國際扶輪社長阿奇·柯藍夫 (Arch Klumph) 的建議下，成為資助在世界行善的資金。這筆資金在 1947 年前都成長緩慢，直到扶輪創始人保羅·哈里斯辭世，捐款大量湧入向他致敬。那一年，扶輪基金會支持了 18 位學生的獎學金——乃是未來豐功偉業的第一個徵兆。

後來，基金會擴張，提供團體研究交換等計畫及人道獎助金，影響世界各地社員及社區的生命。1979 年，一筆大型獎助金協助讓菲律賓 630 萬名兒童服用小兒麻痺疫苗，促成了根除小兒麻痺等疾病計畫在 1985 年成立。

扶輪根除小兒麻痺的工作——讓野生株小兒麻痺的病例數從 1988 年每日估計 1,000 例減少到 2021 年全年 6 年——乃是非政府組織有史

以來進行過目標數一數二弘遠的人道計畫。光是這個成功故事便顯示出扶輪及其基金會的重要性及廣泛的影響。

或許更令人驚嘆的是根除小兒麻痺僅是基金會工作的一部分。

今天扶輪基金會已經成長為一個數百萬美元的慈善機構。我們健全的資金模式給予地區彈性可選擇他們想要支持扶輪的哪些方面——根除小兒麻痺、獎學金、地區獎助金、全球獎助金等等。今天的基金會透過災害救助、預防疾病、和平教育等領域影響全世界。

扶輪的每個人都是這個偉大傳承的一部分；讓它繼續維持是你我的責任。今年，保管委員設定的捐款目標是 4 億 3,000 萬美元。我知道這個期望很高，可是我也知道我們社員可能成就的有多少。

要達成此目標，我們將如同以往一起合作，每社每人都盡一己所能慷慨解囊。如此一來，我們便可確保我們達到我們弘遠但可行的目標，讓我們的基金會更上一層樓。

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#### TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

## Our giving adds up

**As an accountant,** I look at the world through the lens of inputs and outputs. We can plan with precision today for success tomorrow. My profession also taught me that numbers — those inputs and outputs — can sometimes tell great stories.

One of those stories is The Rotary Foundation: What it has given the world, starting from a modest input of \$26.50, is nothing short of remarkable.

In 1918, that amount — the surplus from that year's Rotary Convention in Kansas City, Missouri — was applied, at the suggestion of 1916-17 Rotary President Arch Klumph, to a fund with the purpose of doing good in the world. The fund grew modestly until 1947, when Rotary founder Paul Harris died and donations poured in as a tribute to him. That year, the Foundation supported scholarships for 18 students — the first indication of the greatness to come.

Later the Foundation expanded, providing programs, such as Group Study Exchange, and humanitarian grants, which impacted the lives of members and communities around the world. In 1979, a major grant helped immunize 6.3 million children in the Philippines against polio, which led to the establishment of PolioPlus in 1985.

Rotary's work with polio eradication — helping reduce wild polio from an estimated 1,000 cases daily in 1988 to just six total cases in 2021 —

has been one of the most ambitious humanitarian projects ever undertaken by a nongovernmental body. That success story alone shows the significance and widespread impact of Rotary and its Foundation.

Perhaps what is even more remarkable is that polio eradication is but one part of the Foundation's efforts.

Today, the Foundation has grown into a multimillion-dollar charity. Our robust funding model allows districts the flexibility to choose which Rotary aspects they would like to support — polio eradication, scholarships, district grants, global grants, and more. Today's Foundation impacts the world through disaster relief, disease prevention, peace education, and other areas.

Everyone in Rotary is part of this great legacy; it is our responsibility to keep it going. This year, the trustees have set the goal of raising \$430 million. I know the expectations are high. But I also know just how much our members can achieve.

To get there, we will work together as we always do, with each club and individual giving what they can. In this way, we will ensure that we meet our ambitious but achievable goal and move our Foundation forward.

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