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A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEE CHAIRMAN



Dear Family of Rotary:

The Humanitarian Grants Cycle ended 31 March and your District Governors and District Rotary Foundation Coordinator (DRFC) Chairs are now aware of the amount of unused and uncommitted District Designated Funds (DDF), which are available for your district's use.

Let us not leave that DDF in the bank. Your uncommitted DDF is needed now!

I am requesting that you personally forward the following message on page 3 to the district governors and district foundation chairpersons in your zone in my behalf. I also hope you might be able to include a short message to your district leadership in order to give personal encouragement to my request on page 3.

Thank you,
Your Amigo in Mexico City,
Frank J. Devlyn, Chairman
The Rotary Foundation Trustees, RI
Past President 2000-01, RI
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SERVICE Above Self

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

DISASTER RECOVERY

District Designated Funds (DDF) Contribution Form

Extended to 30 June 2006

DDF CONTRIBUTION:

Our District Rotary Foundation Committee has agreed to donate DDF* to Disaster Recovery

Please allocate US\$ _____ in 2005-06 DDF from District _____

This donation is to be used for the support of: _____

Disaster Recovery Account Name**

2005-06 District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair Signature

District Number Date

***Only DDF donations of US\$1,000 or greater will be accepted**

****Please visit the RI Web site (www.rotary.org) for disaster recovery programs accepting contributions.. Examples:**

Central America / Mexico

India / Pakistan,

South Florida

PLEASE MAIL OR FAX THIS FORM TO:

Larisa Nemirovsky
SHARE System Coordinator

The Rotary Foundation

1560 Sherman Avenue

Evanston, IL 60201

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District Designated FUND Cut-off time extended



Dear Governor:

Last Minute and Wonderful News.

The Board of Trustees has extended the cut off time to June 30th, 2006 that you might use your unused and uncommitted DDF's to help any or all of the 3 Disasters Accounts for India / Pakistan, Central America / Mexico & South Florida who are

still able to receive Rotary Foundation support.

Each of these disaster areas is in need of additional help. The TV cameras have gone but the people affected are in need of your help. Each Disaster Account has Rotarians involved who will give the best needed help. It is your decision to decide to which (or all) of these disaster accounts you might wish to help.

I thank you most sincerely for whatever donation of unused DDF your district might consider giving to any or all of the 3 Disaster Accounts above mentioned.

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CENTRAL AMERICA / MEXICO

TRF Chairman Devlyn calls for additional aid



I personally hope that some of you might be interested in learning that you have a unique opportunity to help the Chiapas & Veracruz states of my country of Mexico severely affected by the well known Stan & Wilma Hurricanes. I am sure that you remember seeing on the TV news and read in the newspapers how areas of these two Mexican States left thousands without homes at the end of last year.

After personally seeing the precarious situation of so many people affected in Mexico, the actor Mel Gibson has given US\$1 million to The Rotary Foundation to be used for needed low-cost housing in the above mentioned Mexican states. I am happy to announce that we have been able to obtain a one-for-one match for this US\$1 million donation by joining with another reputable N.G.O. in Mexico called Provivah Foundation, whose chairman Alfredo Achar is a personal friend of mine and of Rotary.

In speaking with him, Alfredo thru the Provivah Foundation is in agreement to also match all the added money that Rotary might be able to acquire in District Designated Funds (DDF's) to help these disaster victims. In Mexico we expect to construct a small home that has a commercial value of approximate \$8,000 USD thanks to this partnering / leverage for approximately US\$2,900 (from Rotary / Provivah / Mexican Govt.).



Rotary plus Provivah are asked to give 2100 dollars and every recipient family is asked to give \$800 USD during the construction process before receiving the home so they get a true feeling of ownership. The Mexican Government will give land plus services such as electricity, drainage, etc. We are also negotiating that they agree to construct a nearby school and clinic to these two housing developments.

In conclusion, thanks to the lever-



aging with Provivah and Mexican government we expect to be able to participate in giving a low cost home for every \$1,050 USD donation of DDF which will allow a family who suffered from these hurricane disasters to have a small home of approximately 350 square feet with approximately 900 square feet of land.. These small homes are made in such a way that additional rooms can be added on by these families at a latter date.

I feel that you & your district could be proud in knowing that with whatever available DDF given to the Mexican Wilma Relief Fund by informing The Rotary Foundation before June 30, 2006 will help to sponsor as many homes as you would desire for the thousands who have lost their homes.

Here you have a unique opportunity to sponsor 1 home or 100 homes with whatever available DDF that your District has not yet committed.

I hope you & your District Foundation Chair give serious consideration to using some of your available DDF to donate to the Mexican Wilma Relief Fund in this example of unbelievable leverage which I personally hope will be an example for other districts to use in future projects. Those giving 1050 USD to the Mexican Wilma Disaster Relief will be helping a Mexican Family receive a new start with a home for about one-third of what it normally would cost.

Mexican Rotarians will also be donating money plus monitoring & screening which of the deserving families will be selected to receive these homes.

Every one of the individual homes will have recognition given to the Rotary Club & District who made the necessary donation to sponsor each of these homes.

May I assure you that I will personally be involved with a committee of dedicated Rotarians from Mexico which include Past Director Paco Creo and other past governors who will be involved in the necessary stewardship / transparency to carry out of this project which will be reporting to Our Rotary Foundation..

Let me stress that in this example, I have only mentioned the case of the disaster help to be used in my country where I am completely familiar. Every country of the other disaster areas has similar stories of how money and DDF given will be wisely & correctly used under the stewardship of trustworthy Rotarians. Your district governor & district foundation chair can use the DDF Contribution Form that is attached to register whatever donation they agree upon.

Your Amigo in Mexico City,
Frank J. Devlyn

INDIA / PAKISTAN

PRESIDENT-ELECT Boyd calls for more aid for quake victims after Pakistan visit

By Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga
Rotary International News

Rotary International President-elect William B. Boyd visited with Pakistan Rotarians and political leaders on 3-5 December to convey the Rotary world's solidarity with the country, which bore the brunt of the worst earthquake disaster in recent history. He was accompanied by RI Director Noraseth Pathmanand.



Close to 100,000 people were killed and over five million made homeless by the 7.6 magnitude tremor, which hit Pakistan-administered Kashmir and Pakistan's Northwest Frontier Province in early October.

During the trip, Boyd discussed Rotary's participation in local humanitarian initiatives at a meeting with Pakistan Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz. "He spoke very highly of the work that Rotary is doing in earthquake relief and had obviously been well-briefed," says the RI president-elect.



In addition to attending intercity meetings featuring presentations on Rotarian disaster response, Boyd saw firsthand a field hospital at a military base in Rawalpindi and a tent camp near Islamabad supported by local Rotary clubs. He was struck by both the quality of service provided by Rotarians and the fact that, in the larger scheme of things, much more still needs to be done.

"The Rotary tents from the UK are regarded as the most effective, particularly in the colder conditions, now that winter is coming," the RI president-elect says of the 18,000 tents supplied by Rotary clubs in Britain and Ireland. "[But] some of the others, pitched on bare earth do not look hospitable. Many of the occupants are recovering from injuries, as they were moved out of hospital as soon as possible to free up beds."

Boyd found out that the number of patients being treated at the Rawalpindi hospital, for example, has increased exponentially. He explains: "[The]



surgeon told us that they normally operate on 10 to 12 [paraplegic patients] each year, but in the first month after the earthquake, they operated on 100."

The swift response of local Rotarians to the plight of quake victims helped save many lives. But having survived the tremor and the immediate deprivations it triggered, residents of disaster areas now face a new host of problems, including the ever-present risk of epidemics and fire in overpopulated makeshift communities, broken infrastructures, and lack of funds for reconstruction.

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"This is the opportunity for Rotary clubs to support the Rotarians of Pakistan," says Boyd. "Pakistani Rotarians have contributed hugely in time and money, but need help."

Currently, Rotary International District 3270 (Pakistan) is in consultation with government and United Nations agencies to produce project plans that effectively address the concerns of quake-devastated communities.

"Already we have started looking at reconstruction," says District 3270 Governor Mohamed Faiz Kidwai. "In two weeks, we will come up with a list of projects for Rotary clubs to adopt or sponsor."

Although they candidly express their frustration that the world has "largely ignored a colossal tragedy," Pakistan Rotarians are deeply appreciative of the support they have so far received from Rotary clubs and districts worldwide.

"I had the pleasure to meet and listen to RI President-elect William Boyd while he was in Islamabad," says Azmarai Khan, of the Rotary Club of Abbottabad, who is involved with the delivery of relief to quake victims in Northwest Frontier Province. "It is great for the relief effort that he visited Pakistan. I am sure that it will give a boost to Rotary's relief work."

For more details or to respond to the South Asia earthquake disaster, go to [Rotary's World Community Service disaster relief efforts page](#) or visit [RI District 3270's Web page](#), which features regular updates on relief efforts there as well as how Rotarians can help.



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