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## From the Editors Desk

Dear Rotarians,

November is Rotary Foundation Month—a chance for us to celebrate the heart of Rotary's work and the difference we're making around the world. The Rotary Foundation fuels our mission, turning our collective passion for service into real, lasting change.

Think about it: from eradicating polio to building wells, promoting peace, and supporting education, the Foundation is how we tackle big challenges and transform communities. And it's all thanks to Rotarians like you, stepping up with your time, energy, and contributions.

This month is a reminder that we're all part of something bigger. Every donation, no matter the size, helps fund life-changing projects. It's about teamwork and belief in a better world.

Let's make November count. Together, we can keep creating opportunities, bringing hope, and leaving a legacy of service. After all, that's what Rotary is all about!

Serve to change lives!

Yours in Rotary,

Soumya Roy

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## Rotary Foundation Month: Celebrating Impact and Inspiring Action

Soumya Roy

November is Rotary Foundation Month, an annual opportunity for Rotarians and communities worldwide to celebrate the profound impact of the Rotary Foundation. For over a century, the Foundation has empowered individuals to address humanity's most pressing challenges through projects that foster peace, improve health, and advance education. Its work reflects Rotary International's vision of a world where people unite to create lasting change.

The Rotary Foundation operates on the guiding principle expressed in its motto: "Doing Good in the World." These simple yet profound words capture the essence of its mission. Contributions to the Foundation are transformed into grants that fund projects addressing critical global issues, including disease prevention, water sanitation, maternal and child health, economic development, and environmental sustainability. The Foundation ensures every dollar has a measurable, transformative impact.

A cornerstone of the Rotary Foundation's success is its leadership in eradicating polio. Since launching the Polio Plus initiative in 1985, Rotary and its global partners, including the World Health Organization and UNICEF, have reduced polio cases by 99.9%. This monumental campaign has immunized over 2.5 billion children, saving millions of lives and strengthening healthcare infrastructure in vulnerable regions. Today, the world stands closer than ever to eradicating the disease entirely.

Beyond polio, the Foundation supports a wide range of initiatives. Its Global Grants program enables Rotarians to design and implement large-scale, sustainable projects tailored to local needs. These projects include building schools, improving access to clean water, and providing vocational training for underserved communities. The Foundation also funds scholarships for peace building professionals and provides disaster relief in times of crisis.

Rotary Foundation Month serves as a time for reflection, celebration, and renewed commitment. It's an opportunity for Rotarians to highlight the Foundation's achievements, inspire new contributions, and expand awareness of its work. Through individual donations and community fundraisers, members strengthen the Foundation's capacity to drive change. Every contribution, no matter the size, fuels projects that save lives, create opportunities, and build a brighter future.

As we celebrate Rotary Foundation Month, let us reflect on the incredible power of collective action. The Rotary Foundation demonstrates that when individuals unite with compassion, determination, and purpose, they can transform lives and communities around the globe. By continuing to support the Foundation's mission, Rotarians and their partners ensure a legacy of hope, progress, and shared humanity that will inspire



