

## **2008-2009 Report**

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR STEVE CANTRELL**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2008**

**WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE  
ROTARY CLUB 31 OF DENVER**

**Les Garrison Chair and John Stewart Vice-Chair**

### **Vision Statement**

To enhance the quality of life for our World Community Neighbors.

### **Mission of the World Community Service Committee**

To provide the vehicle for the Denver Rotary Club to support the International Community through service.

To develop projects with Rotary Clubs throughout the world in areas where Problems/Challenges exist and where the resources of our members, through The Denver Rotary Club Foundation, District 5450, and The Rotary Foundation (International) can best be utilized to improve the lives and ensure sustainable living conditions of our friends and neighbors.

### **Strategies and Action Steps**

Sponsor projects that support the mission above.

Re affirm through local contact that the project is needed and wanted, and has local support.

Emphasize projects that are self-sustaining.

Make direct contact with local club, and verify that project has Host Club Commitment.

Leverage funding sources to the maximum potential.

Initiate and conduct effective and timely communication / reporting with all Rotary Partners

Conduct a post evaluation of completed project, in an effort to improve our delivery process.

## **HISTORY:**

The World Community Service Committee of the Denver Rotary Club has been in existence serving the world community for more than 15 years.

## **CURRENT PROGRAMS AND FINANCES :**

Attached to this report are:

1. The August chart of in-progress projects for 08/09 FY, showing 27 active projects. Since then, 2 projects have been added for a total of 29 projects, 13 of which are lead by our club, 16 of which are lead by other clubs. This includes projects begun in earlier fiscal years but not yet closed out. These charts are updated monthly.
2. The year-end budget for 07-08 FY. This shows the use of the \$40,000 allocated to us by DRCF.
3. The August budget for 08-09. DRCF allocated \$40,000 to the WCS committee this year. The budget is also updated monthly

## **WCSC Recognition**

We ended FY 07-08 with our Fourth Annual WCS Recognition Breakfast. Awards given were:

### **Greatest Impact Project Award**

Provided medical equipment and supplies for the detection and treatment of pelvic and abdominal tumors for Hospital Clinic-Centro Infantil Boldrini in Campinas, Brazil **Ed Heath**

### **Most Outstanding New Member Award**

Active in the oversight of the projects Rod was involved with. He traveled to India to visit the watershed management project, and to Mexico to visit the low income housing project **Rod Greiner**

### **Hard Luck Project Award**

Thailand Refugee Center **Blair Gifford**

### **Continuing Service Award**

Many projects, including South Africa AIDS education, youth HIV/AIDS information and counseling centers in Zimbabwe which also provide training in leadership, business and computer skills **Joe Jensen**

Winners' names will be added to plaques displayed at the Denver Club's offices.

## The Year Ahead 2008-2009:

1. We have 51 members who have signed up for the World Community Service Committee. Of that number, 13 are new members to the WCSC. We routinely have 20 to 25 attend our monthly meetings. The complexity of the matching grant process can intimidate new members, so we initiated in 06-07 FY, a Rotary World Community Service Committee "Boot Camp" document, which outlines the mission and action steps required to apply and administer a World Service Project. Even the "old" members to find useful as a reference guide.
2. We continue to ensure that our club's members know what the committee does on their behalf. We will continue to present short descriptions of various projects at weekly Club meetings as coordinated through our Educate our Members Sub-committee. This group will also provide monthly project write-ups in the Club's "Keyway" news letter.
3. Our biggest challenge continues to be the shortage of District Matching Funds for District 5450 clubs this FY. This shortfall is brought about by a lower level of Rotary Foundation Contributions 3 years in the past. The restriction for this current year is that each club is limited to \$10,000 in annual matching grant funds at the District Level. This is further restricted by a maximum allotment of matching grant funds, dependent on number of 5450 Clubs participating in a project. The maximum match is four clubs participation with a District match of \$10,000.
4. To achieve maximum leverage of our dollars, we will require partnering not only with international host Rotary clubs near the sites of projects, but with other clubs in the District (both in support of their projects and in their support of ours), District 5450 and The Rotary Foundation. We will also need to partner with groups outside Rotary such as Project CURE, Project HOPE, Books4Malawi, Socially Conscious Coffee and others.
5. Our current project charts indicate that our club's investments, less the amounts invested in 3H Grants and the use of restricted funds, total \$64,184. The total value of those projects is \$655,740, or 10.22 times our contribution.
6. The percentage distribution of the WCSC dollar contributions to the 29 open projects by type and by geographical area is as follows:

Education	36.4%	Africa	25.1%
Humanitarian	9.3%	Asia	33.6%
Medical	40.4%	Central/South America	38.2%
Water	13.9%	Denver	3.1%