

## **2009-2010 Report**

### **ROTARY DISTRICT 5450 GOVERNOR MIKE OLDHAM**

SEPTEMBER 4, 2009

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

**John Stewart Chair and Sandy Purcell 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 16 years.

## **CURRENT PROGRAMS AND FINANCES:**

Attached to this report are:

1. The July charts of in-progress projects for 09/10 FY, showing 29 active projects. Since then, 12 projects have been added for a total of 41 projects, 19 of which are lead by our club, 22 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 August budget for 09-10. DRCF allocated \$30,000 to the WCS committee this year. The budget is also updated monthly

## **The Year Ahead 2009-2010:**

1. We have 50 members who have signed up for the World Community Service Committee. 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 find it 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 is the fact that due to the current economy, the DRCF could only provide us \$30,000 for '09 - '10. Since the number of projects we are asked to fund seems to be increasing, we believe we will have used up all or nearly all of these allotted funds by the September 8 meeting.
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), and District 5450. We will also need to partner with groups outside Rotary such as Project CURE, Project HOPE, Books4Malawi, Socially Conscious Coffee and others.