



DENVER ROTARY CLUB FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2009-2010

- ▶ Awarded \$319,400 in grants for the 2010 – 2011 Rotary year, an increase of approximately \$25,000 over the previous year.
- ▶ Received \$91,446 from Branch Rickey Award Dinner.
- ▶ Received proceeds of \$13,332 from the Peach Sale of which \$6,666 was donated to The Rotary Foundation.
- ▶ Recognized a \$320,000 increase in the value of the Investment Fund, representing an 11.6% increase.
- ▶ Received donations from Members of \$42,580, representing a decline of about \$6,000 from the previous year.
- ▶ Received an additional grant from the Gower estate of \$16,170.
- ▶ Recognized 14 Fellows or Multiple Fellows during the year, four of whom were new Club members.
- ▶ Entered into a Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement with District 5450 for its End Polio Now campaign.
- ▶ Secured inclusion of the Foundation in the wills of approximately 20 Rotary Club members as a result of the work of the Legacy Committee.
- ▶ Adopted a conflict of interest policy and other policies as required by IRS regulations.
- ▶ Matched Rotary Club member contributions to Haiti Disaster with a \$2,500 grant.
- ▶ Appointed Task Force to define more clearly Rotary involvement in the Granting Guidelines.



Rotary Exchange Students in Peru



Students
at Greenlee
Elementary

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Denver Rotary Club Foundation is to participate actively in the diverse life of our community through the grants it makes every year. The Foundation's grants emphasize our belief in the promise and value of youth and education, affirming our commitment to the humanitarian goals of Rotary.



Global Health Connections



New Member Giles Poulson Team
Teaching JA



H.S. Scholarships Bowling Party



GRANTS FOR 2010-2011

DENVER CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (DCIS)/INTERACT CLUB ~ \$12,000

Provides our Centennial project adopt-a-school with resources, both financial and human, to the students and faculty/staff of the school with the objective of improving student performance and giving them access to international opportunities. DCIS is also home to our Club's Interact Club.

COLLEGE COUNSELING INITIATIVE ~ \$22,000

Provides college selection and financial resource counseling to our Denver Kids, H.S. Scholarship recipients and DCIS students.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES, INC. ~ \$12,500

Matches over 40 gifted at-risk students in grades 4-8 with accomplished community/Rotarian volunteers for a short-term academic/career project.

DENVER KIDS, INC. ~ \$150,000

Helps supports the lives of over 900 at-risk DPS students through DKI's mentoring and counseling program.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP & ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS ~ \$21,800

Provides 39 economically disadvantaged high school juniors/seniors with financial assistance (\$60/mo) and Rotarian mentorship during the school year.

GLOBAL HEALTH CONNECTIONS ~ \$8,000

An educational outreach program that brings middle school students in Colorado and other nations together to work on multi-cultural solutions to global health issues.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT ~ \$5,000

A program which enables student members of the DCIS Interact Club and Rotarian mentors to team teach JA programs at a DPS elementary school.

HARMONY PROJECT ~ \$5,000

Provides an integrated arts program in underserved schools (DCIS) by pairing classroom teachers with a professional artist, together working as a team to create their own plan for integrating the art form into the curriculum.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD (RYLA) ~ \$5,600

Allows 13 high school and middle school students to participate in a summer Rotary leadership camp in Estes Park.

THE SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS OF COLORADO ~ \$10,000

Continued Rotary sponsorship of the annual Colorado art exhibition in which over 1,700 high school art students participate, resulting in over \$205,000 in scholarships.

SHINING STARS FOUNDATION ~ \$4,000

Provides activities for children and young adults with cancer at the Shining Stars Winter Games event in Aspen.

VOCATIONAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP ~ \$20,000

Provides educational scholarships to students in vocational, trade and technical fields, as well as a Rotarian/student mentoring program.

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE ~ \$40,000

Provides funds for over 35 Rotarian recommended/driven humanitarian projects in over 20 countries around the world, most of which are leveraged on an over 3 to 1 basis.

YOUTH EXCHANGE ~ \$3,500

Hosts incoming/outbound students throughout the world, providing year-long and summer international exchanges at the high school level.

TOTAL GRANTS ~ \$319,400



HIGHLIGHTS



Branch Rickey Award Recipient Torii Hunter

BRANCH RICKEY AWARD

The Branch Rickey Award Dinner was held on November 14, 2009 honoring Torii Hunter, our 18th recipient, of the Los Angeles Angels. In spite of the economy the results were excellent due to the tireless effort of Donna Hultin and her outstanding committee. We were especially gratified by special donations by Torii Hunter to the Branch Rickey Award and Denver Kids. An additional \$6,325 was raised that evening for graduation outfits for graduating Denver Kids.



HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)



DENVER KIDS, INC.

As the founding organization of Denver Kids, Inc, we continue to be proud of its outstanding achievements. Until about 1988, our annual contribution represented approximately 95% of their total income. In the 2009-10 fiscal year our \$145,000 contribution represented under 14% of their total income. This change has occurred as a result of dedicated work to attract new corporate and individual sponsors by the staff and Board of Directors of DKI. Many Rotarians serve on the Board and also provide additional financial support. Some of the highlights from the DKI annual report follow:

- 972 students were served during the year representing a 3% increase.
- 90% high school graduation rate
- 88% of graduates are pursuing post-secondary education
- 62% of graduates were the first in their family to earn a high school diploma
- 81% of graduates were the first in their family to attend post-secondary education



In addition, 52 seniors graduated from their program, including seven Teen Age Mother Education Program students. This is the largest graduation class to date. Three DKI students became Daniels Fund Scholars and all three were also Denver Rotary High School Scholarship and Achievement Award recipients.



Daniels Fund
Scholarship
Winners



Denver Kids Graduation Luncheon

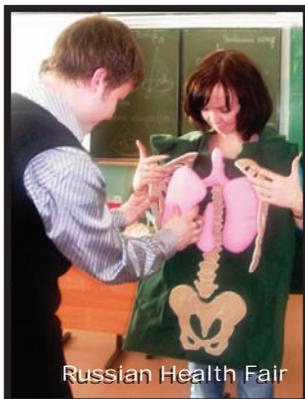
SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS OF COLORADO

The Foundation has provided the principal funding for the Scholastic Art Awards program since 1983. Our relatively small contribution was leveraged into \$205,000 of scholarships being awarded in 2010. This program drew 3,900 submissions of visual art from over 1,700 Colorado middle and high schools. Of these, 550 art works and portfolios won statewide recognition; 120 advancing to the national level in New York City.

Quang Ho, one of the foremost representational artists in America, was the 1982 Gold Star winner of the Colorado Scholastic Art Awards and also the national award the same year. He was one of the premier artists participating in the Denver Rotary Club's Artist of America Show. Having emigrated from Vietnam in 1975, he now teaches at the Denver Art Students League and is represented in many major collections. We were privileged to have him address Rotary in May 2010 at the DRCF Celebration Day.



Quang Ho Visits
our Club



Russian Health Fair

INVESTMENT FUND

The Investment Fund increased in value to \$2,882,000 at June 30, 2010 which represents a significant increase since the 2008 decline. The Fund continues to be ably managed by AMG National Trust Bank. The Finance Committee of the Board, chaired by Treasurer Debbie DeMuth and composed of Lucius Ashby, Frank Lawrence, Su Ryden, David Lee and Chuck Thompson, meet with the fund manager on a quarterly basis, and annually to review the economic forecast for the coming year, making decisions on the balancing of the portfolio components.

A copy of DRCF's audited financial statements is available on our website at www.denverrotary.org



Peach Day Pancake
Breakfast



Bowling Party



In CONCLUSION,

It has been my privilege to serve as your President during the past year. The work of the Foundation has been handled by a devoted group of Trustees. I am especially indebted to the Executive Committee – Frank Lawrence, Vice President and President-Elect; Chuck Everill, Past President; Sandy Adams, Secretary; and Debbie DeMuth, Treasurer. I would like to express special thanks to our Executive Director, Darlene Mast, whose dedication, efficiency, and foresight have been invaluable.

I also want to thank a very important group of people – our donors. It is through your generosity that we are able to provide over \$300,000 each year to the very deserving group of grantees.



Charles I. Thompson
DRCF President, 2009-2010



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