# The Rotary Club in Dundas – 75 Years Old

The Rotary Club of Dundas celebrates 75 years of Rotary in Dundas on June 13, 2023

Rotary is an international service organization begun in Chicago in 1905. The object of Rotary is collaboration among business and professional persons with the variety of perspectives held in different business climates, to uphold high business practices, and to be of service to our communities local and international. One of Rotary's dramatic projects on the world scale has been the eradication of polio leaving, currently, only a handful of polio cases in difficult geo-political regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The Rotary Club of Dundas was formed by some 20 motivated Dundas businessmen in the spring of 1948. We have birthed three daughter clubs in Waterdown, Ancaster, and Dundas Sunrise, as well as the Dundas Probus Club.

Over these 75 years of our history we have accomplished approximately 100 significant projects, ranging from a few thousand dollars to about $1 million in size, as well as other minor projects and assistance to people in need in the community. Significant local projects have included the purchase, renovation and outfitting of the sheltered workshop operated by North-Wentworth Mentally Handicapped Association ($250 K), a three-year demonstration of the value of Respite Care ($212K) resulting in respite care being included in, and funded by, the provincial healthcare ministry, the founding and ongoing funding support of Rotes Youth Centre, and the building of the Rotary Cattel Seniors Centre ($872K). Internationally we can name some 50-plus projects of significance working with Rotary Clubs in the area. These projects ranged from such as a medically equipped mobile health clinic van in Kenya (64K), to transceiver radios in 13 District Health vehicles in Botswana ($29K), a tractor and equipment in Ghana ($18K), the curriculum, training, IT, and health service portion of a Rotary International Health Clinic at Banda Aceh, Indonesia, following a devastating earthquake ($36k towards a $246k total), Primary Care Physicians Training in Preventions and Management of Cardiovascular Disease in Low and Middle Income Countries, based in India ($36 k), and most recently Primary School Water and Sanitation for six schools in Kenya ($60k). International projects are in US Dollars.

The moto of Rotary is "Service Above Self" and we like to think that we have been of service to our communities both in the Dundas area and internationally.

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