

Gifts to Rotary

take on many different appearances and have many different results. All of them add up to great things happening around the world and in our own community.

Portage Rotarians have asked about their options and we have tried to put them into one brochure for you to refer to when contemplating a gift.

Through Rotary International

gifts can be made several ways –

See this link for the official description:

<http://www.rotary.org/foundation/development/makingagift/index.html>

Gifts to “**The Rotary Foundation (TRF) - Annual Programs Fund**” from individuals will count toward the **Paul Harris Fellowship Award**, with \$1,000 or Sustaining Member status at \$100 per year. There are other levels described at

http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/123en_write.pdf

The mission of the **Annual Programs Fund** mirrors that of The Rotary Foundation: to support the efforts of Rotary International in the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national, and international humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs. Most Rotarians donate to this program on an annual basis.

The Annual Program Funds are split - 50% to the World Fund and 50% to the **District Designated Fund (DDF)** through *SHARE*. Share is the funding source for Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarship and matching grant projects in our District. A donation this year to the Annual Programs Fund will be available to us in 3 years. You may have heard the motto “Every Rotarian Every Year” that is connected to this program.

The **Rotary International Permanent Fund** is an endowment fund held at R.I. and has grown to over \$200 Million. The grants from this fund support RI Foundation programs. Donations can be made through a bequest, life insurance gift or life-income arrangement. Gifts can also be made with stock, check, cash, or a monthly charge on your credit card. See this link for more information:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/Funds/PermanentFund/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Rotary District 6360 has its own Charitable Foundation. This Foundation was formed in 1992 to help all 60 clubs with projects that needed a 501(c)(3) charitable organization to receive donations. Portage Rotary has its own charitable status and has not typically requested the service of this Foundation. Grants will be considered if service projects involve at least two clubs in our district.

All forms of monetary gifts are appreciated.

Our very own Portage Rotary Club has two giving options:

1.

The **Portage Rotary Charities** is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and donations to this are tax deductible.

Many contributions are received each year to support projects such as Casa Amparo, Clean Water Bio Sand Filters, local scholarships and others. Most donations are in the form of checks but even our happy bucks and fines are deposited into this charitable account. If you keep track of your donations, you can request a written receipt at year-end for a tax deduction.

2.

The Portage Rotary club also has an **Endowment Fund** at the Kalamazoo Community Foundation. **The Portage Rotary Club Endowment Fund** is still in the beginning stages and will begin granting dollars back to the Charities Account when the donations accumulate to \$5,000. Donations may also qualify for the Michigan State Tax Credit.

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Portage Rotary Endowment Fund gift options include the same type of gifts as for the RI Permanent Fund. Also suggested would be **gifts in Honor of someone or in Memory of those that pass on before us**. Grants in the future would then hold their memory and legacy.

This Endowment fund will continue to grow with donations and investment returns which will in turn create more dollars in grants to our Portage Rotary Charities Account. Eventually, the grants will enhance and expand our charitable work in the community. It may replace one or more fundraisers each year. By making donations today, we are planting the seed for future days in Portage Rotary charitable work.



Gifts can be made in the following manner:

RI Annual Programs Fund

Make check payable to Portage Rotary Charities. In memo line: Paul Harris Contribution. Give check to club chair of the Paul Harris fellowship or to the club treasurer

Rotary District 6360 Foundation:

Make Check payable to Rotary District 6360 Foundation. Send check to District 6360 Foundation 316 Beech Street Charlotte, MI 48813.

Portage Rotary Charities Account:

Make check payable to Portage Rotary Charities and give to our club Treasurer

Portage Rotary Endowment Fund:

Make check payable to "KCF/Portage Rotary End Fund" and send to Kalamazoo Community Foundation 151 S Rose St. #332 Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

For any type of planned gift, see above links or talk with Dorilee Schieble to learn about the options in detail.



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Options and Choices Why and How To Make a Gift



Portage Youth...Our Future