

CLUB PROJECTS 2021-2022



The Rotary Club of San Francisco provides hands-on service to the local community and across the globe. We are proud of our Club's long record of service: In the past five years alone, our Club has donated over \$500,000 and countless volunteer hours to service projects.

We regularly review our service projects to be sure they address current needs, to introduce new projects, to react to unexpected needs, and to sunset projects that are no longer of value. We add projects based on the interests of our members.

The pandemic-driven shutdowns forced us to suspend or modify all of our planned service projects, and to quickly launch new ones. For example, we assembled hundreds of face shields, gowns, and other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for medical personnel.

Volunteer service opportunities are available to our members in all of these projects:

CLUB SIGNATURE PROJECTS

Emergency Services Day: Honoring local first responders for heroic acts. We have recognized scores of heroes from the San Francisco Fire, Police, Sheriff, and Coast Guard at an annual luncheon. This year we will also honor front-line medical workers.

Worldwide Rotary Day: Celebrating Rotary's commitment to international service. We invite the San Francisco Consular Corps to a festive luncheon every year. This year, Worldwide Rotary Day expands into a working conference to accelerate the impact of Rotary projects around the world.

FOOD AND SHELTER

We partner with Catholic Charities, The Salvation Army, and the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank to package and deliver food and hygiene products in San Francisco – and to offer outreach towards permanent housing for the unhoused.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

We work with the staff and clients (adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities) of The Arc of San Francisco to prepare and enjoy dinner together once a month. During the pandemic we packaged and delivered meals to clients who then enjoyed dinner parties on Zoom. In-person dinners will resume as conditions permit. We will also provide a festive Thanksgiving luncheon to The Arc of San Francisco.

Our members speak as subject matter experts with new entrepreneurs at San Francisco SCORE.

We understand that diversity, equity, and inclusion are key to successful economic and community development. Many of our members participate in small discussion groups where we learn from each other and challenge one another's assumptions about race, privilege, gender, and other important issues.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

In San Francisco

There are a lot of things that all mothers need, even homeless mothers. We stuff diaper bags with items that all new mothers need and provide them as gifts at baby showers for homeless expectant mothers as they graduate from prenatal and parenting classes offered by the Homeless Prenatal Program.

Every spring we assemble hundreds of bicycles at our annual Bike Build. We give those shiny new bicycles to third and fourth graders along with helmets, locks, and safety instruction from the San Francisco Police Department.

In response to the rise in anti-Asian violence, we provide personal safety alarms to Asian-American seniors for self-defense, plus education and support, in partnership with the Rotary Club of San Francisco Chinatown. We also collaborate with Together SF, Mercy Housing, other AAPI senior communities, and food pantries throughout San Francisco.

We provide services to youth who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation by with move-in/move-out kits for those experiencing human trafficking, and with education, awareness, and informational sessions through our partnership with Huckleberry Youth Programs.

In the Bay Area

We work at RotaCare Bay Area clinics to help them provide free healthcare for the uninsured and underserved. We work remotely to generate clinical reports to support grant applications.

Around the World

We have been committed to the eradication of polio ever since Rotary International launched Polio Plus in 1985, when there were 1,000 new cases of polio every day. There was only one case of polio in the world during the first half of 2021.

We support local operations of Alliance for Smiles and Rotaplast International and participate in their international surgical missions where they provide free surgeries to children with cleft lip and cleft palate.

INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH

We are the lead sponsors of Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) a district-wide youth leadership camp experience. More than 250 high school students participate in this event each spring.

We created the Action Leadership Program for Students (ALPS) to provide training for today's high school students and tomorrow's leaders. ALPS students learn through hands-on civic projects in their local community.

We sponsor Interact service clubs at several high schools in San Francisco, and Rotaract service clubs for young adults (some at local universities). Rotary Club members provide guidance and mentorship.

Club members speak at Interact Clubs and to the SFUSD Pathways program about Rotary's *Four-Way Test*, and to offer insights into professional development. We also conduct mock interviews with students to prepare them for the future.

We sponsor a Boy Scout Troop at The Salvation Army's Kroc Center, bringing the outstanding programs of the Boy Scout curriculum to the Tenderloin.

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

We created Rotary Meadow in 2003 as a centerpiece for the forest in the Mount Sutro Open Space. We work regularly with Sutro Stewards to maintain the forest with activities including weeding, removing invasive species, planting new natives, and maintaining trails.

Members of our Club worked with other Rotarians to create the Rotary Climate Action Team (RCAT) to address the climate crisis. RCAT fosters Action Teams, educates Rotarians about the climate crisis, shares projects and contacts in the Rotary world, and links to multiple resources across Rotary and with Rotary partners.