

What is Rotary?



ROTARY is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders: men and women of all ages who aim to improve people's lives by participating in projects that benefit their own and other communities. Projects range in scope from feeding homeless children to the global elimination of polio and are as diverse as the communities Rotarians live in. Rotary was founded in Chicago in 1905 and now includes more than 1.2 million individuals, who belong to 35,000 clubs in almost 200 countries around the world. Each Rotarian belongs to a local club and the clubs form the larger organization, Rotary International. For more information, visit the Rotary International website at www.rotary.org.

We are the Boulder Valley Rotary Club (BVRC)

We are one of five Rotary Clubs in Boulder Valley. Started in 1985, BVRC has approximately 70 members representing a wide variety of vocations and has raised more than \$500,000 for local interests, including thousands annually to BVSD scholarships, and global charitable organizations.

Projects

Club members participate in projects that have ranged from building early childhood education centers locally to eradicating polio globally. Descriptions follow:

The Dictionary Project

In 2013, the club launched a project to distribute dictionaries to third grade students in Boulder Valley elementary schools. Boulder Valley Rotary Club is working with six Boulder and two Superior elementary schools.

Community Service Projects

The club provides volunteers each month to prepare and serve food to at risk youth in Boulder County through Attention Homes. Boulder Valley Rotary Club funds training for the culinary program at Bridge House and at the new Mental Health Partners facility as well as low income counseling for children at the Boulder Institute for Psychotherapy and Research.

Youth Leadership

Rocky Mountain Rotary Youth Leadership Conference is a leadership program for incoming 8th graders and older high school students. Six Boulder Valley students are chosen to attend the week long summer training paid for by Boulder Valley Rotary Club. Selected Rotary members accompany students on location at the Estes Park YMCA and Camp Ponderosa, Larkspur CO.

Youth Exchange and University Student Programs

We provide financial support and guidance to Interact Clubs at Monarch and Peak to Peak High Schools. BVRC supports two Rotary Exchange students at Boulder and Monarch High School. The Rotaract Club -Rotary for college aged students at the University of Colorado CU Boulder- is co sponsored by BVRC. Homeless holiday dinners and funds for the Honor Flight for WWII veterans are Rotaract's on- going projects.

Share-A-Coat Program

Since 1988, the club has collected coats and other clothes from Boulder County schools and businesses, for distribution to the needy. In 2013, we collected nearly 1600 coats and winter garments.

Water Supply in Nicaragua

The club is funding a loan to families in the Jalapa Valley that is used for water wells and piping to local homes. A modest monthly fee empowers families to take ownership of the project they sustain through collection of fees that fund maintenance and development of new wells. Their participation ensures the development of clean water for the Jalapa Valley in Nicaragua.

Rwanda Seed Storage

The club will be providing resources for a seed storage project in Rwanda, Africa.

Polio eradication

We also support Rotary International's efforts to eradicate polio from the world. This effort began in 1985 and is expected to finish in the next five years.

Beer fest

All proceeds from the ***Boulder Valley Beer Fest, Superior, CO***, will be used to support our local and international activities. For more information on the **Rotary Club of Boulder Valley and the Boulder Valley Beer Fest** visit our website at www.bvrc.org