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Chicago youth have a new place to play

After decades without a playground, St. Elizabeth Elementary School in Chicago was recently outfitted with swings, slides, tunnels, and other modern play equipment. The Rotary Club of Chicago-Near South organized the transfer and installation of surplus equipment donated by a park district in nearby Naperville. The club, which meets near the school, raised \$15,000 to fund the restoration and preparation of the site, as well as the installation of the playground.

"Because of Rotary's generosity, our students have the opportunity to play and enjoy themselves on a playground they can call their own," says Danielle Harris, St. Elizabeth's principal. "I cannot begin to express our appreciation."

On 3 June, almost a year after the project began, Rotarians, students, teachers, and parishioners gathered to dedicate the new playground. Afterwards, students climbed up the ladders, glided down the slides, and swung on the monkey bars.

Rotarians and family members from 12 clubs in District 6450 gathered at the school for 10 Saturdays over the course of the year to clean the site, rebuild and paint the fence, and install and paint the playground equipment.

"This is a project that is really a labor of love," says David Baker, the project leader



and a member of the Chicago-Near South club. "It's our first physical project where Rotarians actually came out and worked with people from the school to build this playground."

Founded in the late 1800s, the school is located in a poor neighborhood on the south side of Chicago. Baker says the new playground, which replaces an expanse of asphalt and rusty swings, is a symbol of the neighborhood's resurgence.

"Chicago-area Rotary clubs continue to play a part in helping poor urban areas move toward progress," he says.

Upcoming Events

Sept 2009

3-7 Fair Parking

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Molly Suh
Yaley Golf
Tournament

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District Governor: **New Name**

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Working as a family to meet Rotary's challenge

Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge for polio eradication is drawing broad support from the family of Rotary. The challenge is Rotary's response to the \$355 million in grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Rotary is committed to raising \$200 million in matching funds by 30 June 2012.

Around the world, Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, Rotary Foundation alumni, and others raised about \$78.3 million in cash, District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations, and pledges in the 2008-09 Rotary year as of 15 May. Here is just a sample of their efforts:

- Rotarians in more than 200 cities and villages in Switzerland sold packets of sunflower seeds on 13 September, National Day Against Child Paralysis, raising more than \$669,000 with support from the general public.
- A helicopter golf ball drop/raffle sponsored by District 6990 (Grand Bahama Island, Bahamas; part of Florida, USA) netted \$45,500.
- The Rotary Club of Washago and Area-Centennial, Ontario, Canada, chartered in 2005, is selling End Polio Now car magnets in a project aimed at raising C\$10,000 (about US\$9,000).
- Several districts in Japan and Korea have set the pace in contributing more than 20 percent of their DDF, led by District 2780 (Japan) with a donation of US\$200,000.
- Among contributions made by several Rotary Fellowships, the Rotarians' Wine Appreciation Fellowship raised \$15,000 by matching donations of \$100 from the first 75 contributors.
- Foundation alumni have contributed more than \$100,000, including \$6,200 received from the District 3450 Rotary Foundation Alumni Association (Hong Kong; Macau; Mongolia) through its India Night fundraiser.
- The Interact Club of San Mateo, California, USA, raised almost \$8,000 in an overnight campout and walk for PolioPlus that also featured a band, karaoke, mov-



Laura Williams (left) and Karoline Steckley (center), former Rotary Youth Exchange students (USA to Belgium), reunited for the first time in 18 years to run the 2009 Paris Marathon in April. They raised US\$5,000 for Rotary's challenge, which was matched by District 7120 (New York, USA) for a total of \$10,000.

ies, and other activities.

The Rotaract Club of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, sponsored a Fashion Fights Polio show, raising more than US\$4,000.

"Now is our opportunity to capitalize on all these resources and get the job done," said 2008-09 Foundation Trustee Chair Jonathan Majiyagbe of the family of Rotary's role in helping to eradicate polio worldwide.

"We can't wait until the economic conditions improve to continue our fight. We must move ahead now," he added, urging the creation of "fundraisers that involve the whole community."

The 4-Way Test!

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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Making a difference, one child at a time

For more than a decade, Robert Beck has provided input to the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) as a public representative on the National Vaccine Advisory Committee.

Earlier this year, he fulfilled a desire to do something hands-on with vaccines.

An attorney and member of the Rotary Club of Fluvanna County (Palmyra), Virginia, Beck traveled to India to help vaccinate children against polio during National Immunization Days (NIDs) in February. He was part of a 43-member Rotarian team led by Noelle Galperin, 2008-09 District 6990 PolioPlus subcommittee chair and a member of the Rotary Club of Coral Gables, Florida, and Luis Ortega, then a member of the Rotary Club of Miami Dadeland -Pinecrest, Florida.

The team served at immunization booths in Chandigarh, where families brought their children to receive the oral polio vaccine. After this first phase of the NIDs, Beck and his team followed detailed, hand-drawn maps into the city's poorest areas.

"Picture each vaccination team walking through dense slums, across garbage troughs, and through drainpipes and all manner of debris, animals, and structures to vaccinate needy children," Beck says. "Add air thick with dirt and pollutants, so that we often could not see the end of the street. Then include the smells of decay, garbage, and insects, and you have what each team encountered each day."

Beck is quick to add, however, that there was more to the scene.

"One must also draw into that picture the smiling faces of beautiful people and especially children, mothers dressed in colorful native clothes, and their offers of food and drink and their sincere thanks for our efforts," he says. "Only then can you see why we went back each day. We really believed we were making a difference, even if it was only one child at a time."

While in India, Beck and his team also visited several Rotary club-supported projects, including:

- A hospital in Delhi where surgery is performed to rebuild the deformed limbs of polio survivors, usually without charge
 - A Rotarian-sponsored vocational training center, where young women learn to make clothing designs and patterns to obtain better jobs
 - An advanced eye care center established by Rotarians in India and the United States
- A school that provides hearing-impaired children with hearing aids and an education
- "My Rotary PolioPlus experience has given me a profound appreciation for what it means to be a Rotarian," Beck says. "Rotary programs are empowering local people, communities, and governments to create local solutions in which all may derive pride. [Polio-Plus](#) and my fellow Rotarians have made me proud to be a Rotarian."

	Programs
July 2009	
16	Club Assembly
23	Gene Mickel
31	Larry Smead
August 2009	
4	Board Meeting
6	Kori Smith
13	District Governor
20	Kevin Cann
27	Larry Barr
September 2009	
2	Board Meeting
3	Mark Butler
10	Phil de Bry
17	Tony Roberts
24	Club Assembly

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NAME	CLASSIFICATION	NAME	CLASSIFICATION
ABBOTT, Tim PHF	Postal Service	SAUNDERS, Marilyn PHF	Insurance Management
ATWOOD, Bill PHF	School Admin. Jr. High	SCHULZ, Wayne PPAC PHF	Forestry Services
BARR, Larry PHF	Commercial Flying	SEYMOUR, Elaine	Retail Sales
BARTHOLOMEW, Jeanie SPHF	Building Design	SIEVERT, Steph	Plumbing Supplies
BEERY, Pam	Commercial Banking	SHACKELTON, Lee PHF	Law Enforcement
BROWER, Randy SPHF	Construction	SMEAD, Larry SPHF	Design Engineering
BUTLER, David PHF	Construction	SMITH, Karen PHF	Real Estate Sales
BUTLER, Mark PHF	National Park Planning	SMITH, Kori SPHF	Real Estate Sales
CANN, Kevin PP PHF	National Park Admin.	SOUTHERLAND, Denise PP PHF	Banking
CASSADY, Dan PHF	Physical Therapy	STONUM, Betty PHF	Title Services
CASTO, Kris PHF	Wine Grape Growing	STONUM, Bob CM PP PHF	Title Services
DAHLEM, Steven PHF	Civil Law	STONUM, Neil CM PP PHF	Title Services
DAVIS, Chery PHF	Real Estate Sales	SUTHERLAND, Glenn PHF	Bank Consulting
DE BRY, Phillip PP PHF	Dentistry	THORSON, Jeff	Retail Sales
FAGALDE, Mike PP PHF	Criminal Law	TUCKER, Jim SPHF	National Park Admin.
FAGALDE, William	Criminal Law	VAN GORKOM, John SPHF	Religion/Christian
FOSTER, Troy PHF	Merchandising/Retail	WILLIAMS, Brian PHF	Chiropractic Services
GARDNER, Clifford SPHF	Wine Making	WISE, David PHF	General Contracting
GLOOR, Herb PP PHF	Motel Management	YALEY, Bill PP PHF	Real Estate Appraisal
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HARRIS, Larry	National Park Admin.	BROWDER, Hal	MARKS, Reid
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MICKEL, Kay PP PHF	Real Estate Sales	Clow Club Members	
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PARRISH, Lyle PHF	Retail Management		
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ROBINSON, Duane PHF	Architecture		
ROBINSON, Susan PHF	School Administration		
ROTHELL, Glen PHF	Project Management		

Where to make up-Locally

Monday	Lodi Tokay	Tokay Bowl	Noon
Tuesday	Oakhurst Sierra Sunrise	Ol' Kettle Restaurant	7:00 AM
	North Merced	The Bistro Restaurant	Noon
	Groveland	Charlotte Hotel	7:00 AM (1st Tues 7 PM)
Wednesday	Oakhurst Sierra	Amore' Mio	Noon
	Merced	Branding Iron	12:15 PM
Thursday	Yosemite	Ahwahnee Hotel	Noon
	Chowchilla	Farnesi's Restaurant	12:10 PM
Friday	Merced Sunrise	Paul's Place	6:30 AM