



THE ROTARY CLUB OF LITTLE FALLS

District 9300



For administrative purposes, individual Rotary Clubs around the world are grouped into Districts, which in turn form Rotary International.

Rotary International is the largest and oldest service organisation in the world and was founded in Chicago in February 1905. It has a world membership of 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs and 530 districts throughout the world.

Rotary was instrumental together with the World Health Organisation, UNICEF and the United Nations to eradicate the world of polio. To date Rotary has raised in excess of US\$600 million towards this campaign and has achieved the following major milestones:

- In the 1980s, 1,000 children were infected by polio every day in 125 countries. Today, polio cases have declined by 99 percent, with fewer than two thousand cases reported in 2006.
- Two billion children have been immunized, five million have been spared disability, and over 250,000 deaths from polio have been prevented.

Please see <http://www.rotary.org/> for more details

The Rotary Club of Little Falls forms part of District 9300, which has 49 clubs with 1000 Rotarians all doing humanitarian work for our communities. Some of the projects in our district are:

- 6 million books have been collected in collaboration with Rotarians of Texas, USA and distributed to underprivileged schools and communities in our country
- 14,000 wheelchairs have been distributed at no charge to handicapped people
- An HIV village has been established in the Meyerton Henley on Klip area

Approximately 800 other projects are carried out every year by clubs for the benefit of their communities.

Please see <http://www.rotary9300.org.za/> for more details

Although The Rotary Club of Little Falls is comparatively young, being chartered in March 2007, we have already made our mark in the West Rand community, and have convened the following successful fund raising and community service projects in our first year:

- R5,000 was raised for our charity account from an evening at the Barnyard theatre, and a further R10,000 from a charity golf day
- 275 wheelchairs, donated by sister clubs in the UK, have been distributed to Government, Municipal, charitable and private organisations and needy individuals in the Gauteng area. The value of this project is conservatively estimated at over R680,000
- 65 children from the Zandspruit, Princess and Claremont informal settlements were hosted at a Christmas party
- Items for 30 food hampers were collected and donated to various old age homes in our area
- Non perishable foods were collected for the Harvest Aid feeding scheme

Several other projects are currently planned, the most ambitious of which is setting up a bursary fund for primarily black students who could otherwise not afford the cost of a tertiary education. We propose funding tuition for "hard" degrees only, such as engineering, medicine, accounting etc. and could name each bursary after the contributing business to provide recognition.

Complete transparency and the need to exercise strong and effective control over public funds are of overriding importance. It is a fact that Rotary clubs do not charge a management fee or any other kind of levy on funds raised from the public for charity purposes. One hundred percent of all such funds are paid to the intended recipients. Accountability would be ensured by regular financial and academic progress reports, as well as professional external audits.

It is important to note that contributions may be applied to a variety of suitable projects, and in the area as preferred by contributing businesses. We would welcome discussing your requirements.

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