

## IT'S R.A.F.F.L.E. TIME

Lifesaving Rings on Pier at South Haven.

Rainwater Harvesting Project in Uganda by the St. Joseph & Benton Harbor Rotary Club

Pickleball Courts in Jackson

AED Devices on Waverly School Athletic Fields

Imagination Library for Barry County by the Hastings Rotary Club

And many, many more.

These projects are examples of Rotarians helping others.

How are these projects funded? One-half of the funds came from Rotarians just like **you** through the purchase of District 6360 Foundation Raffle tickets; and the other half of the funds came from the Rotary Clubs undertaking the individual projects. Nearly all the funds the District 6360 Foundation contributes to these projects originate from the sale of Annual Raffle tickets.

Since the creation of the Foundation's Annual Raffle, over 350 thousand dollars has been contributed for funding more than 150 projects undertaken by our District's Clubs.

Three quarters of the Rotary Clubs in District 6360 have received at least one grant from the District 6360 Foundation. In addition to the awarding of the grants to Clubs for their projects, the Annual Raffle has made it possible to send hundreds of high school students to the RYLA Leadership Camp. And most recently, your District 6360 Foundation made nearly \$50,000 available for 24 special grants to clubs to address food and nutrition issues as a result of the COVID pandemic and contributed \$10,000 to the Rotary Relief Fund for Ukraine.

Rotary Clubs in District 6360 have a long history of supporting the District 6360 Foundation's Annual Raffle. Last year (2023), fourth (40) Clubs became a "One Hundred Percent Club." To be part of this prestigious group, a Club must sell 100% of the Raffle tickets allocated to them. Many of these Clubs have a long history of being a "One Hundred Percent Club." Last year we had twenty (20) Clubs became part of the "Elite One Hundred Percent Club". To achieve this status, these Clubs (Allegan, Berrien Spr/Eau Clair, Cereal City Sunrise, Harbor Country, Haslett-Okemos, Ionia, Jackson, Jackson Breakfast, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Sunrise, Lakeshore, Oshtemo, Otsego, Plainwell, Saugatuck-Douglas, South Lansing-Holt, Union City, Vicksburg Williamston Satellite and Williamston Sunrise) sold at least one ticket for each member of their Club.

The 2024 Annual Raffle is already under way and will close with the Raffle drawing on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. We are again using the new process for selling tickets. Instead of actual tickets, Raffle Sales Tracking Sheets are used to record ticket sales. Based on the feedback, this process is embraced by nearly all of the Clubs.

Rotary Club Presidents will have received a Raffle Information Packet by US mail. It contains information on the Raffle process and the Raffle Sales Tracking Sheets that are unique to their Club. The sheets list the actual ticket numbers of the Raffle tickets that will be placed in the Raffle drawing. Shortly after receiving the information packet the Club President will be

contacted by a District Foundation Board Member to answer any questions, address concerns related to the raffle and to offer assistance, if needed.

The moto of the District 6360 Foundation is “*Helping Rotarians Help Others.*” Raffle ticket sales make the pursuit of this mission possible.

It’s that time of year so...get your Club ready to R.A.F.F.L.E!