

# GRATITUDE REPORT 2024



## THANK YOU

Thanks to your support and the volunteer work of the Stillwater Sunrise Rotary, **123,000 lives were impacted!**

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**Rotary**  
Club



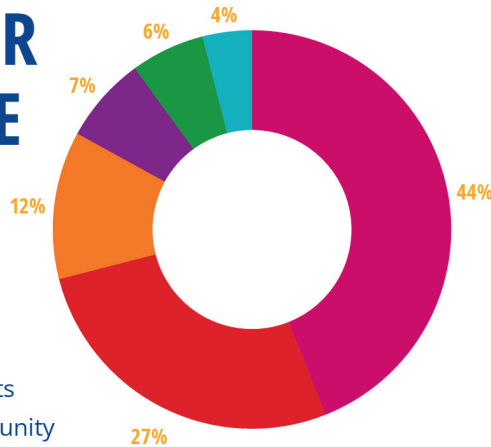
## OUR MISSION

Stillwater Sunrise Rotary is a diverse group of leaders committed to making our local and global communities a better place to live.



## WHERE YOUR FUNDS HAVE GONE

- Local grants
- Youth exchange
- STRIVE scholarships
- District and Global grants
- Local service and community
- Youth education (VESL, RYLA, STRIVE)



## LOCAL NONPROFIT SUCCESS STORY: 21 ROOTS FARM

21 Roots Farm in Withrow, MN, empowers individuals with developmental disabilities the chance to thrive by connecting with nature and community through farming. Their new Grow Towers, allow farmers to grow 84 plants year-round. Thanks to SSR's grant funding, farmers now have the equipment needed to deliver high-quality produce, bringing joy and purpose to their work.

## LIFT: A GLOBAL GRANT FOR A BETTER FUTURE IN NICARAGUA

LIFT, a global grant in Nicaragua, addresses the humanitarian crisis by providing local solutions like Seed Banks, improved farming methods, clean water, and sustainable economic opportunities. In 2023, LIFT helped farmers diversify crops and assisted a youth group in launching a business producing organic fertilizer, offering hope for a brighter, self-sustaining future.



# LIVES WERE IMPACTED THROUGH:



- **60 club members** "doing good in the world."
- Raising over **\$43,000 at Bridge the Valley** - Stillwater's premier bike ride
- **15 published articles**
- Caring for each other through **Member Care**
- **Sponsorships** this year from Bridge the Valley were over \$25,000
- SSR received **In-kind, Monetary, and Foundational** support
- Sharing our resources to sponsor our **Ukrainian family**
- **Events** such as a bowling event to Strike out Polio, and a Basketball lottery, Layups, that provided funds to eradicate polio

*SSR's fundraising dollars were shared locally and globally through grants.*

## LOCAL IMPACT GRANTS AND FUNDING

- STRIVE Scholarships
- Youth (Camp Ryla, VESL Literacy Program, and Strive Mentorship)
- International Youth Exchange -
- Community spending where needed
- The Partnership Plan
- Sustainable Stillwater MN - Solar for Cimarron
- Community Resource Center of St. Andrews
- Valley Friendship Club
- Friends of North Korean Refugees in Minnesota
- 21 Roots Farm, a farm supporting people with disabilities
- St Croix Valley United Way's Diaper Drive
- Limitless Cycling, piloting adaptive bicycles to create outdoor experiences
- St. John's Masonic Lodge for fire suppression tools
- A Pollinator Garden at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## GLOBAL AND DISTRICT GRANTS

- ShelterBox
- LIFT, our Nicaragua project
- Read to Feed at Stonebridge Elementary, Stillwater
- Pune, India toilet project for 4 coed schools
- Food inventory for Open Cupboard food shelf in Oakdale, MN
- Benches and ADA Tables for a community park in Hayward, WI
- STEM programming in New Brighton, MN
- Computer lab for Sylvia's Children, a school in Uganda
- Water filtration system in Chimbote, Peru
- Soccer pitch at school in Cambodia
- Teacher exchange for disadvantaged children in Cambodia
- Solar-powered water project in Uganda
- Equipment for a Community Library In Uganda
- Boreholes for four rural schools in Uganda to provide clean water
- Imagine One, a reading program in Mankato, MN
- Technology Hub for a school in Kenya
- School supplies to Kilimanjaro, Tanzania
- Greenhouse project in Peru
- Underwater camera
- Books for Africa to South Sudan
- Guatemala Literacy Project
- Soccer for Peace

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**YOUR sponsorship, donations, and your volunteer action has made a difference in the world! Our sincerest thanks to you, our partners and friends.**