



**Heart 2 Heart Virtual Project Fair**  
**Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00-12:00**  
Heather Stoa, DGE and H2H Advisory Committee

Time: Jan 23, 2021 9:45 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89747622760?pwd=SHV3SitVS1d2NE83RERrZGt1TkpzUT09>

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In 2004, a partnership between Districts 4170 and 4140 in the Heart of Mexico and US districts in Zones 30-31 in the Heart of America began with a water tank for a school in Mexico. From that simple gesture of providing safe water for students, the Heart 2 Heart collaboration has grown to more than 70 Humanitarian and Global Grants totaling over \$5 million assisting hundreds of individuals in Mexico. Through Heart 2 Heart, hospitals have medical supplies to treat low-income patients, young adults have received kidney transplants, children have had cleft lips and palates repaired, students have learned study skills, teachers have participated in professional development classes, earthquake survivors have moved into new homes, schools have bathrooms with clean water, and young leaders have trained as peacebuilders.

In a normal year, Rotarians from districts in the Heart of America travel to Mexico to meet with fellow Rotarians, see the ongoing Global Grant projects, and attend a project fair. Like so many other activities, COVID-19 caused the annual pilgrimage to Mexico to be canceled in 2020; however, the virus is not stopping Rotarians from meeting and collaborating! The Heart 2 Heart Committee is holding a Virtual Project Fair on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00-12:00 via Zoom. The fair will include a brief overview of Heart 2 Heart, an update on the 100 in 100 club to club projects, and 8-10 proposals by the Mexican clubs for Global Grants for the upcoming Rotary year 2021-22. A summary of the projects to be considered will be sent to districts prior to the project fair. Each Mexican club will give a five-minute presentation on its proposed grant followed by five minutes for questions. An interpreter will be available to assist with questions and answers.

Please watch the District 6490 website for a Zoom link to the Virtual Project Fair. If you are interested in learning more about Heart 2 Heart, this is your opportunity to be involved with international projects from the beginning. Your feedback on the proposals is appreciated. Funding for Global Grants is possible because of personal donations by Rotarians in our district to The Rotary Foundation, and a portion of our Districted Designated Funds (DDF) is allocated to Heart 2 Heart projects in Mexico. Rotarians working on Heart 2 Heart grants are good stewards of DDF and exemplify "Service Above Self".

If clubs would like a Zoom program on Heart 2 Heart, please contact Heather Stoa. Let her know if you would like to serve on a district Heart 2 Heart committee or if you are interested in traveling to Mexico – hopefully in November of 2021 – Corazón a Corazón.