

District Governor Graham Wilson is urging Rotarians in District 7680 to continue to support last year's Showcase Project, **Rotarians Sowing Seed To Fight World Hunger**.

The Rotary Club of North Mecklenburg County has been working hard to spearhead this international effort to teach poor, hungry, and malnourished people to sustain their health by growing their own nutritious vegetables. Members of the North Mecklenburg club made presentations to others in the district last year, and fifteen clubs and seventeen individuals donated a total of \$13,660.

The money is administered through the non-profit Seed Program International to help people in places like Liberia, a country with an average per capita income of 30 cents per day that has been devastated by 14 years of civil war. Donations from Rotary were combined with funds from faith-based organizations, students in two area elementary schools raised, and several seed companies to provide needy Liberians with 150,000 packets of vegetable seed that have the potential to produce over 10,000,000 servings of vegetables. Volunteers in that country are overseeing seed distribution and teaching people how to grow their crops.

Since 1998 Seed Program International has distributed more than 10 million packets to more than 60 countries on five continents. In addition to soliciting seed, and arranging for multi-lingual planting instruction on packets, SPI arranges transportation and provides necessary documentation for importation of seed. Each shipment includes a gardening booklet that explains in simple terms and pictures how to prepare and grow a garden. The booklet also gives instructions on seed handling and storage, nutritional information, and ideas for using gardens in education programs.

Governor Wilson is asking clubs that supported the Rotarians Sowing Seeds To fight World Hunger program last year to continue their support not only this year, but to make this a permanent budget item. Those that have not yet made a donation should contact the North Mecklenburg club to arrange a presentation.

To schedule a presentation, or send a donation, contact Rotarian Jim Daly; 20338 Christofle Drive; Cornelius NC 28031; Tel 704-896-8461; e-mail dalyjim@roadrunner.com . A form to make a donation follows.



ROTARIANS SOWING SEED TO FIGHT WORLD HUNGER

SUPPORT FOR ROTARY SEED PROGRAM

A \$100 donation provides seed that can produce a ton or more fresh vegetables. The value of donations is multiplied many times over because seed recipients do all the work, shipment of bulky food is eliminated and the program is supported by donations of goods and services. The assistance the program provides the poor, hungry and malnourished of the world is limited only by funds available to carry out the program.

Make donations payable to Seed Programs, Inc. (SPI) the organization that provides the seed and expertise for the program for Rotary. Donations made by individuals can be itemized for income tax purposes as SPI is a non-profit tax exempt 501(c)(3) humanitarian organization.

CLUB DONATION

ROTARY CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____ DONATION \$ _____

CONTACT PERSON _____ CONTACT INFORMATION address, telephone, e-mail

INDIVIDUAL ROTARIAN

NAME _____ DONATION \$ _____ CONTACT INFORMATION
address, telephone, e-mail _____

Donations can accompany this form or sent at a later date. If at a later date, indicate when donation is expected to be made _____.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SEND DONATIONS TO;
Seed Programs, Inc. 20338 Christofle Drive;Cornelius NC 28031

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