

Give now to help build our community's future

So many lives are touched and improved by the projects the Foundation funds, and each successive generation has a responsibility to carry it forward. Please join your Rotarian friends who have chosen to be part of building a hopeful future by leaving your legacy.

Contact a board member of The Rotary Club of Des Moines Foundation through our Rotary office.

I support the Rotary Club of Des Moines Foundation because I believe it helps make Des Moines a better community in which to live and raise families.

Mike LaMair, member since 1979



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Leaders Building a Better Community

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I give to the Rotary Club of Des Moines Foundation because it changes young people's lives. Our Earn to Learn reading program, "camperships" to Y Summer Camp and college scholarships enable young men and women to see beyond their current situations, improve life skills, build self-esteem, connect with caring adults and realize that success is not something that only happens to other people. Every dollar contributed to our club's Foundation is a key to the future for a child in need in Des Moines.

*Sheila Tipton,
member since 1988*



There are many ways to give to the Foundation

- Cash pledges or contributions
- Gifts by bequest
- Gifts through life insurance
- Gifts through charitable remainder trusts
- Gifts through charitable gift annuities
- Gifts through charitable lead trusts
- Endow Iowa income tax credits
- Stock donations
- Tax-free rollover of qualified plans
- Memorial and commemorative gifts

* Gifts are tax-exempt to the extent permitted by law. We recommend you consult your tax advisor.

For many givers, two factors are likely to be considered. First, are the objectives worthwhile and second, does the sponsoring organization have the ability to steward the funds in a responsible way. Wanda and I believe that Rotary meets the test on both counts. We are pleased to help accomplish collectively what would be impossible as individuals.

John Lewis, member since 1980

Front cover *Sharon Heithoff Vickery, member since 2000 reads with George Washington Carver Earn to Learn readers*

How many gifts does it take to make a positive impact?

Just one. Yours!



Rotary Club of Des Moines Foundation

The seeds of Rotarian service were sown early in the last century by people with the foresight to imagine a better community. Those visionaries are gone, but their dream lives after them in the programs of The Rotary Club of Des Moines.

Established in 1982 as a 501(c)3 charitable, tax-exempt organization, the Rotary Club of Des Moines Foundation accepts gifts from club members and others who share our vision. The Foundation is grounded in our commitment to "Service Above Self" and advances our club's charitable and educational goals.

I didn't come from a family with a lot of money. The scholarships I received made it possible for my family to send me to college without as much hardship on them. I want to go on to law school and continue in a public service position so that some day I will be able to give back to the community the way my community gave to me.

*Diane Richardson
2000 scholarship recipient*

The Rotary Club of Des Moines provides a great service to young people by recognizing all their hard work and dedication and rewarding them with the funds needed to begin their education.

*Tasha Huston
2000 scholarship recipient*

The College Scholarship Program

Each year the Foundation awards need-based, four-year scholarships of \$6000, to one senior from each of Des Moines' six public high schools. Guidance counselors from all of our Des Moines schools attest to both the difference Rotary Club scholarships make and the urgent need for additional scholarships.



*Anthony Diaz
2008 scholarship recipient*

The Earn To Learn Reading Program

Improved reading skills and higher test scores testify to the efficacy of this unique program. Although Rotarians volunteer countless hours, a considerable budget is needed to buy books for students to 'earn.' Our club also funds special activities such as attending a Civic Center performance, going to the zoo or paying for Y Camp.

I definitely liked earning money for reading, so I started reading a lot more. I also liked it that Rotary members took time with me to read. Paydays were fun, Y Camp was a blast and so was the zoo..

*Earn to Learn student, Diamond Turner,
will be attending ISU majoring in biology*

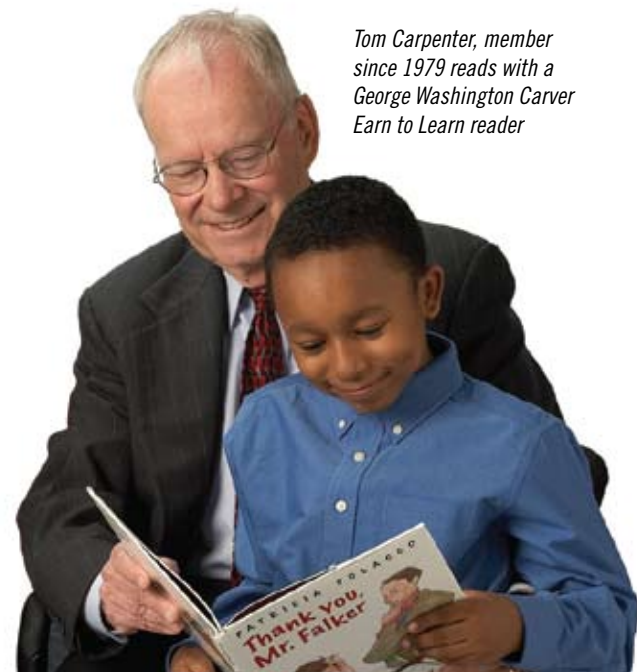
Earn to Learn helped motivate me to read. In high school it helped me in advanced classes because I had learned how to read faster. What seemed like a small thing had a big impact on my life and helped me during the course of my education.

*Earn to Learn student, Jennifer Chang,
will be attending ISU majoring in technology*

Community Projects

For over twenty years our club has presented the Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year awards honoring men and women who excel in their commitment to public safety. Billboards with a photo of both of the winners are placed in various locations throughout the year in the Greater Des Moines area, and a \$500 donation is given to the charity of their choice.

Each year Des Moines school principals nominate exceptional educators, and our club selects a special education, high school and middle school teacher as well as two elementary educators to be honored with Teacher of the Year awards. Each designee receives a \$1000 stipend, and a traveling plaque is displayed at each recipient's school.



Tom Carpenter, member since 1979 reads with a George Washington Carver Earn to Learn reader