



COMMUNITY IMPACT



Funds raised from the Fairhope Rotary Steak cookoff over the last few years have funded or partially funded the following projects:

Funds to complete Fairhope's 2nd location for the Walking School Bus

Sponsorship of Fairhope Police Department's Back to School program, which provides backpacks and school supplies to impoverished children in Fairhope Schools

Sponsorship of "Shop with a Cop" program for impoverished children at Christmas

\$10,000 annual donation to the Fairhope Rotary Youth Club to support after school & summer programs for children through high school age considered to be at risk

Purchased ear plugs for hearing protection for Fairhope High School band members

We fund four scholarships annually for local high school graduating seniors that are renewable each year for four years. Each scholarship is \$2500 each & thus \$10,000 per year. So we fund four new & renew those in the second, third, and fourth year of college each year.

Purchase of computer headphones for every student at J. Larry Newton school, used in conjunction with their school-issued computer

Funds to support the Fairhope Intermediate School Pirate Patch Vegetable Garden coordinated by FIS teacher Ms. Margaret Dumas

The Warrior Bonfire Program is a 503c organization which helps post-9/11 Purple Heart veterans cope with the effects of PTSD. The Fairhope Rotary Club and The Fairhope Sunset Rotary Club helped host a weekend retreat inviting six veterans to bond with other veterans suffering the same debilitating disease.

Equipment for the emergency relief trailer enables our Rotary team to immediately deploy to areas affected by a natural disaster such as the hurricane that recently impacted the Panama City Beach area in Florida and the tornado that hit Lee County in Alabama. It includes equipment to remove downed limbs or construction debris, tools to clear areas or rebuild walls, and tarps to cover roofs that have been damaged. There is also room to include non-perishable food items, drinking water, and cleaning supplies that are always needed after a natural disaster.

Mary's Shelter provides family-style living for homeless adult pregnant women in our area. The shelter provides food, clothing and other necessities to give pregnant women healthy options and the necessities they need while they are waiting to give birth.

All Rotarians worldwide are united in a campaign for the global eradication of polio, PolioPlus. Since its inception in 1985, Rotarians have raised nearly \$800 million to immunize the children of the world, and more than two billion children have received the oral polio vaccine.