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It's Raining Big Bucks for Local Charities

[Indianapolis, IN - January 14, 2010] On Tuesday, January 19th, it's going to start raining money. BIG money. Hallelujah for local charities getting soaking wet! The Rotary Foundation of Indianapolis, will award \$255,400 to 43 local organizations and service committees during a time when the giving barometer has hit an all time low.

More than 76% of organizations submitting letters of intent will be the beneficiaries of this financial windfall. Established in 1947, with a philosophy of "Service Above Self", The Rotary Foundation of Indianapolis supports a wide variety of community organizations.

The Foundation funds approximately \$300,000 annually to important community projects and programs. Since 1993, the Foundation has made over 800 awards totaling over \$3.7 million to local organizations and Rotary Club of Indianapolis committee sponsored projects.

According to Rotary Club President, Julian Peebles, "Often times, people think you can't make a difference by giving a little – be it two, three, five or ten thousand dollars. To our award recipients we help them impact the community one life at a time. Cumulatively, one by one we make a huge impact. Every person and every project is important to us."

Last fall the Foundation awarded \$69,600 to the Rotary Club of Indianapolis' Education, Environment and Beautification and World Community Service Committees for projects and programs in the Indianapolis and world community.

This year's award recipients include OK Program of Indiana; About Special Kids (ASK); Assistance League; Catholic Charities of Indianapolis; Center of Leadership Development; CICOA Aging and In-Home Solutions; College Mentors for Kids; Concord Neighborhood Center; Creating Positive Relationships; Crossroads of America, BSA; Dance Kaleidoscope; Girl Scouts; Gleaners Food Bank, HVAF of Indiana; Horizon House; Indianapolis Arts Center; Indianapolis Civic Theater; Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Foundation; Indianapolis Parks

Foundation; Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra; Indianapolis Zoo; International Violin Competition; Jameson Camp; Julian Center; Mental Health American of Greater Indianapolis; National Junior League of Indianapolis; National Multiple Sclerosis Society; 100 Black Men of Indianapolis; Peace Learning Center; Play Ball Indiana; Prevent Blindness Indiana; Ruth Lilly Education Center; St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf-Indianapolis; St. Mary's Child Center; Safe Families for Children; School on Wheels; Scottish Rite of Indianapolis Foundation; Second Helpings; Simon Youth Foundation; Social Health Association of Indiana; Teachers' Treasures; The Wellness Community-Central Indiana; and Young Audiences of Indiana.

ABOUT ROTARY CLUB OF INDIANAPOLIS

Club meetings are on Tuesday at Noon on the 2nd floor of the Scottish Rite Cathedral and are concluded by 1:15 PM or before. There are approximately 15 other clubs in the Indianapolis area. The Rotary Club of Indianapolis was founded in 1913, just eight years after the formation of the first club in Chicago. The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster service, high ethical standards in business, and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace. For more information, the Club office is located in suite A of the Historic Athenaeum Foundation Building, 401 E. Michigan Street and can be reached via telephone at 317-631-3733 or via the website at www.indyrotary.org.

ABOUT ROTARY CLUB

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. There are approximately 1.2 million Rotarians, members of more than 32,596 Rotary Clubs in 168 countries. For more information, visit www.rotary.org.

ABOUT THE AWARD WINNERS

OK Program of Indiana	http://www.okprogramofin.org/
About Special Kids (ASK)	http://www.aboutspecialkids.org/
Assistance League	http://www.alindy.org/
Catholic Charities of Indianapolis	http://www.archindy.org/cc/indianapolis/
Center of Leadership Development	http://www.cldinc.org/
CICOA Aging and In-Home Solutions	http://www.cicoa.org/
College Mentors for Kids	http://www.collegementors.org/
Concord Neighborhood Center	http://www.concordindy.org/
Creating Positive Relationships	http://www.creatingpositiverelationships.org/
Crossroads of America, BSA	http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/
Dance Kaleidoscope	http://www.dancekal.org/
Girl Scouts	http://www.girlscoutsindiana.org/
Gleaners Food Bank	http://www.gleaners.org/
HVAF of Indiana	http://www.hvaf.org/
Horizon House	http://www.horizonhouse.cc/
Indianapolis Arts Center	http://www.indplsartcenter.org/
Indianapolis Civic Theater	http://www.civictheatre.org/
Indianapolis-Marion Cty Public Library Foundation	http://foundation.imcpl.org/
Indianapolis Parks Foundation	http://www.indyparksfoundation.org/
Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra	http://www.indianapolissymphony.org/

Indianapolis Zoo	http://www.indyzoo.com/
International Violin Competition	http://www.violin.org/
Jameson Camp	http://www.jamesoncamp.org/
Julian Center	http://www.juliancenter.org/
Mental Health American of Greater Indianapolis	http://www.mhaindy.net/
National Junior League of Indianapolis	http://www.jlindy.org/
National Multiple Sclerosis Society	http://www.nationalmssociety.org/
100 Black Men of Indianapolis Inc.	http://www.100blackmenindy.org/
Peace Learning Center	http://www.peacelearningcenter.org/
Play Ball Indiana	http://www.playballindiana.org/
Prevent Blindness Indiana	http://www.preventblindness.org/IN/
Ruth Lilly Education Center	http://www.rlhec.org/
St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf - Indianapolis	http://www.sjid.org/
St. Mary's Child Center	http://www.stmaryschildcenter.org/
Safe Families for Children	http://www.safe-families.org/
School on Wheels	http://www.indyschoolonwheels.org/
Scottish Rite of Indianapolis Foundation	http://www.aasr-indy.org/
Second Helpings	http://www.secondhelpings.org/
Simon Youth Foundation	http://www.syf.org/
Social Health Association of Indiana	http://www.socialhealth.org/
Teachers' Treasures	http://www.teacherstresures.org/
The Wellness Community-Central Indiana	http://www.twc-indy.org/
Young Audiences of Indiana	http://www.yaindy.org/

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