Leaders in Service
Service Above Self

Rotarian volunteers supplement our cash grant to Food Bank.

Rotarians packing groceries as part of a grant project at the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina.

Leaders in Service: meaningful impact

Since 1915, Wilmington Rotarians have turned shared commitment into action

The club and its foundation have funded or budgeted more than $380,000 from 2022 through 2026 to support community and international service. See the reverse of this page for examples of our projects and grants.

EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY

Support for Williston Middle School and other local schools; literacy, teacher training and recognition; Cape Fear Community College and UNC-Wilmington student initiatives.

ENVIRONMENT AND RESILIENCE

Cape Fear River stewardship, disaster relief in Western North Carolina and elsewhere, and projects to help communities recover from wildfires, flood, and war.

HEALTH AND BASIC NEEDS

Dental care, nutrition assistance, housing, services to the homeless, furniture for low-income families, research into Alzheimer's disease, and training and placement for service dogs.

GLOBAL SERVICE

Humanitarian, health, water and economic-development efforts supporting communities in Ukraine, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Honduras, Guyana, and microloans to entrepreneurs and farmers worldwide.

How your contributions will have the maximum impact

1. POOL

Sponsorship contributions create a larger fund.

2. REVIEW

Formal grant applications are evaluated for impact on the community.

3. SERVE

Funding may be paired with volunteer support and oversight from the club's 170-plus members

Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus

- Peace building and conflict resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Maternal and child health
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development
- Protecting the environment

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Where the money goes

Some of the projects the Wilmington Rotary Club supports

These are some of the larger grants and investments in our own projects reported by the club's foundation through fiscal year 2025–2026. This is not a complete list. Amounts are rounded to the nearest $100.

Service beyond the grant

The majority of these projects include oversight and volunteer work by the Wilmington Rotary Club's 170-plus members. This includes our members' participation in international projects.

Grant or program	Amount
Greater Wilmington community	
Williston Middle School "Legacy Project" supporting teachers and students	$30,500
Held to other local elementary and middle schools	$26,500
Relocation assistance for Ukrainian refugee families moving to Wilmington	$21,000
Cape Fear Community College scholarships and film equipment	$15,300
Habitat for Humanity housing	$8,500
St. Mary's dental and medical clinics	$7,100
Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina	$6,000
Good Shepherd services for the homeless	$6,000
Rotary Wheel Garden (Greenfield Park) maintenance and improvements	$5,600
Nourish NC, nutrition support for children and their families	$5,000
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, local and regional conferences	$4,700
Cape Fear River Watch boat and water-quality monitoring equipment	$3,600
2Share, supplying furniture for families in need	$3,500
Coastal Horizons, addiction recovery and services for victims of sexual assault	$3,300
Rookie Teacher recognition	$3,300
Together We Read literacy program in local schools	$3,000
paws4people, training service dogs for people with disabilities	$2,000
Disaster relief	
Relief for Hurricane Helene flooding in western North Carolina	$13,000
Relief for wildfires in Maui and Los Angeles	$10,500
International service	
International projects reported in FY 2025–2026	$18,500
International Orphan Resource Center in Ukraine	$5,900
Mission of Hope maternal care in Sierra Leone	$4,500
Lift Up the Vulnerable anti-trafficking work	$3,800
KIVA small business microloans in developing countries	$3,500
ShelterBox earthquake relief in Turkey	$2,000

About the total and timing

The total of more than $380,000 disbursed or budgeted from the Rotary Club of Wilmington Foundation since 2022 includes $105,000 in net fundraising from May 2026 that has not yet been spent on club projects or awarded as grants.

The fundraising concluded in May of every year supports projects and grants in the fiscal year beginning the following July 1. Our projects and grants may also draw on other reserves in our foundation's accounts.

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