

## Mid-Year Review

### ***COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS***

**Down Syndrome Association of Charlotte Summer Camp:** A new camp for children age 9-16 with Downs Syndrome was established at a brand new YMCA camp facility, Camp Harrison at Herring Ridge in August, 2004. The camp's mission is to offer a special and safe place where campers can share common experiences, discover new abilities, develop friendships and enjoy the beauty of nature. *Approved funding: \$2,500*

**SEED Charlotte Fund:** This new initiative being organized by the Foundation for the Carolinas is designed to encourage small businesses to contribute to K-12 education and workforce development causes by providing matching funds. *Approved funding: \$2,500*

**Crisis Assistance Ministry:** Once again, club members rallied to provide warm clothing to assist Crisis Assistance Ministry. Neighborhoods were involved, and toys and clothing for children were collected from a consignment shop.

**Salvation Army Bells:** 60 club members volunteered to "Ring the Bell" for the Salvation Army at the corner of Trade and Tryon Streets. Beginning November 29 and ending December 17, the kettle was staffed by members each business day from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Collections were an all time high.

**Charlotte Rotary 9/11 Scholarship Golf Classic:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Classic raised \$30,000 to provide scholarships to children of Fire, Medic, Sheriff, and Police. *Approved funding: \$5,000*

### ***ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS***

**Charlotte Museum of History:** Provided garden guide brochures and interpretive botanical signage that will identify plants and demonstrate their cultural significance to visitors at the American Indian Historic Garden at the Charlotte Museum of History. *Approved funding: \$2,000*

**Tree Planting at Central Piedmont Community College:** RI President Glenn Estess was on hand to honor 66-year club member Powell Majors by planting a tree in his honor at Central Piedmont Community College. Powell was on hand for a 1939 Charlotte tree planting by Paul Harris. *Approved funding: \$1,000*

**Hurricane Charley storm relief:** Charlotte Rotarians raised \$1,100 to help provide relief efforts for fellow Rotarians suffering from Hurricane Charley, which hit Florida in August, 2004. *Approved funding: \$1,000*

### ***YOUTH PROJECTS***

**Myers Park High School Interact Club:** An Interact Club has been re-established at Myers Park High School. The newly-formed club has 60+ members and has taken on several projects, including coordinating with the Club on a clothes drive for Crisis Assistance Ministry, and plan to help on the Habitat House in the spring.

**High School Global Studies Program:** This program, organized by the American Freedom Association, consists of a school-wide essay contest with the winner traveling to New York and Washington to study international issues. *Approved funding: \$700*

**Girl Scout's Las Rutas al Exito Program:** This program serves as a bridge to help Hispanic/Latino families become successful, contributing to members of society by exposing them to the businesses and organizations they encounter in daily life. *Approved funding: \$1,800*

### ***VOCATIONAL PROJECTS***

**Junior Achievement Exchange City:** Support is needed to further K-12 core programming, provide business ethics case studies in grades 4-12, and the on-going efforts of JA Exchange City. *Approved funding: \$3,000*

**Excellence in Management:** Krista Tillman, President NC Operations, BellSouth, was awarded the 2004 Excellence in Management award. The award, administered by the Rotary Club of Charlotte, The Business Journal, and the Charlotte Chamber, recognizes the most exemplary manager in the Region. *Approved funding: \$860*

## ***INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS***

**Rotary Rose Float Committee, Inc.:** Over 2,800 individual Rotary clubs provided financial support for construction of the Rotary International float for the 2005 Rose Bowl Parade. *Approved funding: \$500*

**Student and Group Exchange:** 17-year old Damien Ancieux arrived from Liege, Belgium in August 2004. Housing (3 host families), schooling (Charlotte Country Day), and money are provided by the Rotary Club of Charlotte until Damien returns to Belgium in June 2005. *Approved funding: \$6,000 (appx \$1500 spent to date)*

**Student and Group Exchange:** Robert Wadsworth (son of Ed Wadsworth) participated in the International Exchange Program and traveled to Spain for one month. Jacobo Munoz returned to the US with Robert for a one month exchange.