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ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CLARA STEPS UP WITH SCHOOL GIVING

“STEPS FOR SUCCESS” PROJECT

SANTA CLARA, Calif., -- September 23, 2014 – The Rotary Club of Santa Clara (www.santaclararotary.org) will host their annual community giving project “Steps For Success”. This project is dedicated to providing young school children from low- income families with a new pair of shoes, socks and a library book. The project ensures that students will have properly fitted shoes for school and physical education classes. Each student receives a book to read and can call their own.

Santa Clara Rotarians volunteer their time and donate funds to this special giving project. Santa Clara Rotary and The Interact Club, a Rotary sponsored high school work together to provide a fun “craft project” for the children the day of the event. The Rotary Club of Santa Clara partners with the Santa Clara Library Foundation to give each student a new book.

“For 17 years, the Rotary Club of Santa Clara has given over 8,000 pairs of shoes to low income families to children attending the Santa Clara Unified School District,” said Steve Rainbolt, Rotary club president. “Our goal is to give a free pair of athletic shoes, socks and a book to preschool, kindergarten and first grade students and their brothers and sisters through fifth grade. This is a special project and well worth the outcome and another way we serve the community,” he added.

The Steps for Success project will take place in early October to select Santa Clara Unified District elementary schools.

In addition to “Steps for Success”, the Rotary Club of Santa Clara also provides support, donations and volunteerism in our local community through other programs such as:

- College Scholarships
- Christmas for Kids
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- Interact Clubs, and speech contest
- Enterprise Leadership Conference

We award grants to over 14 local non-profit groups. The club holds a drive each year to support Rotary International's work to eradicate Polio worldwide.

About the Rotary Club of Santa Clara

The Rotary Club of Santa Clara, established in 1936, is dedicated to serving the local and world community. Composed of business and community leaders, the club designs its many projects to represent the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."

Santa Clara Rotary supports the community with many projects: Steps for Success, Christmas for Kids, Enterprise Leadership Conference, Interact and Rotaract clubs, college scholarships, speech contests, and special grants awarded to local organizations. In addition to making major contributions to improve the local community, The Rotary Club of Santa Clara works on a variety of international projects.

Rotary International is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. To learn more about the club and membership, please visit our website at www.santaclararotary.org.

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