



## WHO SUPPORTS ROTARY?

Community leaders support Rotary. Rotarians are leaders in the community who enjoy community service, networking, friendship, international service, and providing mentoring and opportunities for young people.

Global organizations support Rotary. Through Rotary's Global Polio Eradication Initiative the following global organizations support Rotary:

- World Health Organization
- US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- UNICEF
- Various donor governments from around the world

Bill Gates supports Rotary. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation donated \$250 million because of the difference Rotarians make.

### ***Excerpts from Bill Gates' speech at the 2011 Rotary International Convention***

***"I am a big fan of Rotary. I'm proud to be a partner in the work that Rotary has been doing to eradicate polio. I'm well aware that the reason we're even able to have a discussion about how to eradicate***

*polio, is because Rotary's efforts have helped get us 99 percent of the way there. Now I personally made eradicating polio my top priority. I get to spend a lot of time with the great people, from Rotary and other organizations, working on this challenge.*

*Polio eradication is needed, it's right, it's urgent, and it's possible. This last one percent will be the longest, hardest one percent. It'll require more work and commitment than ever before. But I'm 100 percent convinced, that this fight is winnable. We've never stopped at 99 percent before. We are THIS close. Rotary has written so many chapters in history of the fight against polio. Your work. Your voices. Your continuing commitment. These are the things that will allow us to end the story... and close the book."*