

Rotary Club of Palgrave?s Weekly Rotary Minute

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In 2009, our club started the Member Directed Funds program, now better known as simply the MDFs.

Ours is the only club in our District that runs this program for our members.

It was a way to involve every member in the giving process of our club, since all members contribute to its fundraising. The program allows each full-time member an annual amount (amount determined by each year's budget, but typically in the \$500 range) to allocate to a desired charity of their choice.

This gives each member the discretion to choose a worthy cause close to them ? or one that inspires them by way of weekly guest speakers who present to our club ? that they would like to see some of the dollars raised by our club and our community be directed to. These allocations still follow the same integrity as is followed by our club directed funds every year.

The following is a list of some of the organizations and charities that a MDFs have either spearheaded or helped augment club directed funds. The list is as diverse as our members and reflects each individuals desire to support all different areas of service: Bethell Hospice, Brampton-Caledon Community Living, Caledon Community Services, Caledon Food Bank, Caledon Meals on Wheels, Caledon Parent-Child Centre, Caledon Seniors Centre, Canadian Aid for Chernobyl, Covenant House, Shelter Box (Pakistan), Doctors Without Borders, Family Transition Place, Global Youth Network, Gulu Walk, Humberview Robotics Team, Healing Little Hearts, Home James, Mercy Ships, Scouts and Girl Guides (Palgrave and Mono), PACT, Sick Kids Foundation, Starthrowers, Terry Fox Foundation, Tottenham Foodbank . . . and the list could go on!

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