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Dispelling the Myths about CRCID

Over the past few years, a number of myths have arisen and been circulated regarding CRCID. In this edition, I would like to address two of them.

MYTH #1, CRCID HAS NO MONEY

In point of fact we have a good deal of funds available to be expensed during this current funding cycle. The approved programs being funded are listed on our website www.crcid.org and clubs are encouraged to participate to the level they are comfortable with. Having said that, if you wish to apply for one of these programs, ***please understand all monies you receive must be expensed by March 31st, 2009*** being the expiry date of the current contract with CIDA.

MYTH #2, CLUBS NO LONGER DECIDE THE COUNTRIES OF FOCUS

CRCID receives its monies from CIDA over a three-year period from a funding agreement. We are currently in the process of developing an application for the next proposal. Therefore clubs and districts are invited to submit a discussion paper (say 2 or 3 pages in length) to the CRCID Secretariat by ***no later than September 15th, 2008*** for the committees to consider proposals for Health, Water, and Literacy projects/programs. The committees will then recommend programs to the Board for inclusion in the application that must be submitted by October 31st. The programs (originally submitted by clubs and districts) that are subsequently approved by CIDA will represent the countries of focus (approximately ten in all) over the next three years.

I look forward to reading the proposals from the various clubs in Canada seeking CRCID and CIDA participation as together, we *Make Dreams Real* for those less fortunate.



Warmest
Rotary Regards,
PDG Dave Robinson
President, CRCID



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CRCID Welcomes new Directors and Members for 2008-09

CRCID is pleased to welcome **Rtn. Stan Fike** as Director for Region 1 (includes Districts 5010, 5020, 5040, 5050, 5060, 5080).

Rtn. Stan is past president of his Rotary club, Rotarian of the year and he and his family have hosted eight Rotary exchange students. At a district level, he has been GSE area coordinator for three years, Foundation coordinator for three years, Polio Eradication coordinator for four years, Chairman, World Community Service Committee for three years and a Rotary Volunteer for twelve years.

Rtn. Stan has been the CRCID district representative for four years and completed a monitoring and evaluation mission in 1999.

Rtn. Stan has received the Rotary Foundation District Service Award and the Rotary International Service Above Self Award.

Rtn. Stan has worked internationally on Rotary projects on eight occasions in five different countries.

CRCID is also pleased to welcome new Director **Rtn. Jim Jackson**. Jim has been the CRCID Treasurer for many years and we are pleased to have Jim on our Board of Directors. Jim will also remain as CRCID Treasurer.

CRCID is also pleased to welcome five new District representatives:

District 5360:

Rtn. Bob Wiens from Calgary Alberta

District 5550:

PDG Doug Mortin from Regina, SK

District 6330:

Rtn. Michael Atkins from Meaford, ON

District 6400:

Rtn. Shari Cunningham from Windsor, ON

District 7850:

PDG Rene LaPorte from Drummondville, QC

Together, they bring an abundance of WCS experience to CRCID!

Challenging Rotary Project is now Up-and-Running!

The Khazimula Children's Shelter for Aids orphans and Street Children living in the KZN Midlands is a project supported by the Rotary Club of Mooi River, South Africa, the Canadian Rotary Clubs of Kitchener, Mississauga, Palgrave, and Mississauga-Lakeshore, The Rotary Foundation and CRCID.

Nestling on a hill in the beautiful Lidgetton Valley, Khazimula is the only place of refuge for boys and girls, who live within the uMngeni municipal boundaries, whose lives have been shattered by circumstances beyond their control.

Khazimula opened its doors to vulnerable children on January 15, 2008. All who visit the children's home have witnessed dramatic improvement in the health and spirit of the children. "Khazimula" means "to shine" and the shining faces of these children more than reflect their eagerness to present gumboot dances they have learned – or to sing you a song! The centre's football field has given

the children an opportunity to form a formidable soccer team.

Rotarian John Tungay recognised the urgent need for a children's home and training centre for young people so he secured the support of the Rotary Club of Mooi River to develop Khazimula's Leadership Training Centre and the Children's Shelter. Overseas support was sought and the Llandaff Cathedral School in Cardiff, Wales, provided funding to purchase beds and other furnishings and a group of Dutch engineers were invited to support the project. Ten engineers flew out from Holland to stay at Khazimula during July of 2005 to help complete essential renovations. They completed a large new septic sewerage system – dug by the boys of Michaelhouse and Hilton College during their weekly outreach visits.

The Dutch engineers purchased sophisticated woodwork and metal-work machinery for skills training. Pupils of the Fairham Community College, of Nottingham, England,



Challenging Rotary Project, continued

donated hand-tools and a suite of computers to Jabula Combined School. Jabula School has now welcomed the Khazimula children and the teaching staff expressed amazement at the group's enthusiasm, their gumboot dancing prowess and their singing.

Through the financial support of Pat Draper and his colleagues of Rotary District 9270 and Shoes South Africa Charitable Trust, Khazimula was provided with essential start-up funds for the Children's Shelter and further support is in the pipeline to run the Rotary Training Centre. Development of foster-parents will take place at Khazimula and skills training of the older orphans and street children will be given at Jabula so that they will be able to earn a living after they leave school.



Project Honduras Update

The El Zapotal Project was supported by the Rotary Club of Campbell River, CRCID and the Rotary Foundation. Its project is now nearly complete!

The results include some of the many happy faces this project has produced – children at play and at work in the classroom.

A heartfelt thank you to all who supported this challenging but wonderful project.



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Rotary Shares!

