MADISON ROTARY FOUNDATION

2023-2024 New Grants and Program Funding

Total Amount Funded: $244,975

- **Ethics Symposium: $27,500**
- **Excellence in Education Grants: $145,485**
- **Innovation Grants: $71,990**

Excellence in Education Grants: $145,485 Awarded Total

- ***Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County*** will receive **$28,485** to broaden its impactful and innovative mentoring initiative by training high school students as mentors for younger children.
- ***Elver Park Neighborhood Center*** will receive **$37,000** to grow their programming for children which is an indispensable link fostering strong connections among multiple schools and acting as a vital link between families and the school day.
- ***The Playing Field*** will receive **$50,000** to train 10 of their lead teachers in the Conscious Discipline Curriculum, a highly effective and a proven best practice particularly tailored as a trauma-informed approach. The grant will also extend this curriculum training to 100 teachers from other early childhood centers.
- ***Vera Court Neighborhood Center*** will receive **$30,000** to support a new, high-impact academic initiative that will enable staff to collaborate closely with school personnel and volunteers to establish an evening tutoring and homework program for students at-risk of falling behind.

Expanding our Rotary Ethics Symposium

Gradual Expansion Plan

- **Budget expansion** moves from **$17,500** to **$27,500**:
  - Focused on ***enhancing*** Downtown Rotary's built and branded program.
  - The ***creation*** of smaller committee events.
- These changes will be continually supported through **additional funding** in the coming years.

Innovation Grants 2023-2024

Provide smaller, faster-to-fund grants for organizations that want to evaluate, test, launch, expand or improve a project.

Recipients in 1st round of funding are each receiving $5,000 grants (there will be a second round of funding in the spring of 2024):

- **CLIMB USA** towards an ***Investment Education Program***
- ***Free Bikes 4 Kidz Madison*** *for an* ***Educational Workforce Training Program***
- ***Journey Mental Health*** *for* ***Play-Based Therapeutic Resources***
- ***JustDane*** *for* ***Madison East High School's Lunch Hour Support Services to Improve Safety***
- ***Porchlight*** *to expand their* ***Eviction Prevention Programs***
- **Specialty Care Free Clinic** for their ***Video Interpreter Services***
- **Solace Friends** for **Hospice Volunteer Management Services**
- **YMCA of Dane County** for ***Outdoor Play Equipment*** **for young children**

Thank you to all members for making gifts to our annual fund drive which are helping provide these impactful gifts of educational opportunities to youth in our community and helping organizations with innovative projects!