

Madison Rotary Foundation



Your contributions to our annual fund drive are helping fund educational grants for local students, our Ethics Symposium and Innovation Grants. Thank You!

**Total Amount
Funded:
\$245,970**

Ethics Symposium: \$35,000

**Excellence in Education
Grants: \$143,220**

Innovation Grants: \$67,750

2024–2025 Excellence in Education Grants

\$143,220 High Impact Grants Awarded to:

 Urban League of Greater Madison	Urban League of Greater Madison: \$50,000 for academic tutoring and coaching and college and career exploration programming for 9 MMSD middle schools.
 Big Brothers Big Sisters. OF DANE COUNTY	Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Dane County: \$40,000 to expand/enhance two school based mentoring programs for students to build confidence and increase connectedness to school, culture and peers.
 ONE CITY SCHOOLS	One City Schools: \$25,000 to expand their volunteer tutoring program to help students make measurable progress towards grade level proficiency.
<u>Simpson Street Free Press</u>	Simpson Street Free Press: \$14,110 for students to learn, study and write about the science, history, geography and culture of our city and region.
	Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras: \$14,110 to grow and enrich its Music Makers Ensemble programs for beginner groups of students to learn to play different instruments.

Expanding our Rotary Ethics Symposium:



Gradual Expansion Plan

- **Budget expansion** moves from **\$27,500** to **\$35,000** for 2024–25:
 - Focused on **enhancing** Downtown Rotary's built and branded program.
 - The **creation** of smaller school events.
- These changes will be continually supported through additional funding in the coming years.



2024 – 2025 Innovation Grants Totaling \$67,750

Innovation Grants provide smaller, faster-to-fund grants for organizations that want to evaluate, test, launch, expand or improve a project:

- **Access Community Health Centers: \$5,000** to help *eliminate financial barriers for pregnant patients of color at risk due to gestational diabetes.*
- **Arts & Literature Laboratory: \$5,000** to *expand senior sewing program.*
- **Bikes for Kids Wisconsin: \$4,750** for an *awareness-based photography workshop.*
- **Canopy Center: \$5,000** for *psychoeducation for parents of crime victims.*
- **Down Syndrome Assoc. of Wis.–South Central: \$5,000** to *teach daily living skills and socialization tactics.*
- **Friends of Schumacher Farm: \$3,000** to start *inclusive mindfulness programming.*
- **Gio's Garden: \$5,000** to build an *innovative sensory room.*
- **Journey Mental Health Center: \$5,000** to provide *assistance for mental health services.*
- **Lighthouse Education Foundation: \$5,000** for *STEM education services.*
- **Maydm: \$5,000** to launch *virtual course programming in specific subject areas.*
- **RSVP Dane County: \$5,000** for *computer learning opportunities for older adults.*
- **Second Harvest Foodbank: \$5,000** to host *community cooking classes.*
- **Society of St. Vincent de Paul: \$5,000** to establish a *computer lab.*
- **The Road Home Dane County: \$5,000** to strengthen *landlord/tenant partnership fund.*

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