

August 8, 2015

Dear Rotary Club Secretary,

I am writing on behalf of Restor International (formerly Rotaplast Canada) in the role of Rotary Liaison.

As you may know, we have moved forward from our previous work as Rotaplast Canada to our broader mandate as RESTOR International. We have a strong commitment, in partnership with Rotarians and Rotary Clubs, of building a sustainable model of global health support through surgeries, formal training of health professionals, informal mentoring and facilitation of program development. This includes the provision of medical equipment and program consultation, as required.

We are in the second year of a three-year commitment to serve the community of Bahir Dar, Ethiopia and surrounding area (a catchment area of over 20 million mostly rural people). Our success in year one has far exceeded our initial objectives. We are excited to return in April 2016 to carry out more surgical procedures, conduct phase two of our vocational training curriculum and further facilitate the progress in the establishment of a satellite burn centre at the Gamby Hospital in Bahir Dar. And, plans are underway for another full mission to Haiti in 2017 following a positive site visit this fall.

We count on support from the Rotary Foundation, Rotary Districts, individual Rotary clubs, corporate sponsors and individual donors to sustain and move forward our work, which we passionately believe positively transforms lives, families and communities.

We are applying for our second VTT grant from Rotary International (we received \$84,000 matched funds in 2014 for our last mission with Restor contributing the balance of \$35,000).

This year we have received a commitment for DDF funds which will be 100% matched. We are hoping for continued support from Rotary Clubs in our district which are eligible for a 50% match. We are hoping the your Rotary club will consider donating toward our grant application knowing your donation will be matched 50% by Rotary International.

The funds will be used to help RESTOR International purchase equipment for our host partner in Ethiopia, the Gamby Hospital (\$21,000 Canadian). This equipment will be in place for our return mission in April 2016 and will allow us to do more complicated surgeries (mission cost is approximately \$125, 000 Canadian).

Will you please forward this request to your International Committee for their consideration.

Also, please let your club members know we are now taking applications for non-medical Rotarian volunteers for the April 4 -15 Ethiopia mission. They can go to our website [www.restorinternational.ca](http://www.restorinternational.ca) to look at the volunteer positions available and then forward their CV to me at: [jeanbird@shaw.ca](mailto:jeanbird@shaw.ca).

We are also happy to make a presentation to your club members if required.