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### Text to end polio!



Readers in the United States can help support Rotary's fight against polio by texting **POLIO** to **90999** for a one-time \$5 donation.

*Available on most U.S. carriers. Proceeds benefit The Rotary Foundation. All charges are billed by and payable to your mobile service provider.*

Since the [PolioPlus](#) program's inception in 1985, more than two billion children have received oral polio vaccine. But Rotary's work is not done: The disease has not yet been eradicated. Contribute to the PolioPlus Fund online or by mail to support Rotary's dream of a polio-free world.

As of June 2007, Rotary had committed nearly US\$620 million to global polio eradication. Each year, it spends about \$33 million toward the effort. After 20 years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are on the brink of eradicating this tenacious disease, but a strong push is needed now to root it out once and for all. It is a window of opportunity of historic proportions. Your contribution will help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$555 million will directly support

immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families.

**As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. The stakes are that high.**



**Need a Matching Grant? Be sure to get it in early—funds are limited this year!! Contact Grants Chair Nick Mascitelli at [nicamas@yahoo.com](mailto:nicamas@yahoo.com)**



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