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In January 2025, wildfires tore through our communities, leaving devastation in their wake. In that moment of need, the Rotary world responded with overwhelming generosity, demonstrating what it truly means to be people of action. Your contribution of \$1,000 to the Rotary District 5280 Los Angeles Wildfire Relief Fund have allowed us to bring hope and tangible support to those most affected.

Because of you, we've been able to directly aid families who lost their homes, assist small businesses struggling to rebuild, and stand beside our brave first responders. We've already distributed over \$200,000 in relief efforts, ensuring that help reaches those who need it most. Your generosity has:

- Provided hot meals for students unable to attend school in the early days of the disaster.
- Supplied hygiene kits to exhausted first responders working tirelessly to keep us safe.
- Supported city and county linemen, ensuring they had nourishment and resources while restoring critical power and communication lines in Altadena and the Palisades area.
- Offered rental assistance to families striving to regain stability in the aftermath.

While we've done a great job responding to immediate needs, our work is far from over. As we look ahead to the summer, we recognize the need for long-term support. Rebuilding takes time, and we must work alongside key partners to assist in this process. Our district is beginning to strategize on how we can play a role in supporting the city and county with rebuilding efforts. I will keep you all informed as we move forward and identify the most pressing needs.

From Malibu to Palisades, from Altadena to beyond, your generosity has made a difference. With our district neighbors Altadena and District 5300, we proudly stand united—because in Rotary, there are no boundaries, only love and service for our fellow human beings. Thank you for believing in the power of Rotary, for answering the call, and for showing the world what compassion in action looks like.

With deep gratitude,

District Governor Albert Hernandez