

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

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Suomen Rotary
Attn: 2009-10 and 2010-11 Members of the General Assembly
Iso Roobertinkatu 9 C
Helsinki, FI-00120
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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN



Dear Past and Current Governors,

Thank you for your commitment to Service Above Self, and for your significant contribution to support The Rotary Foundation's polio eradication efforts through the unique collaborative project between Suomen Rotary and the Government of Finland. This collective contribution, which will benefit polio eradication activities in the challenging environment of Afghanistan, is especially meaningful now as we near the goal of eradicating polio, first adopted by Rotarians more than 20 years ago.

The eradication of this insidious disease is an ambitious undertaking. In the pursuit of that goal, Rotarians have distinguished themselves as community and global leaders with the drive to accomplish remarkable feats. Your contribution complements the contributions of Rotarians around the world, and helps to leverage an additional US \$355 million in challenge grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. These funds directly support immunization campaigns in countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, including Afghanistan.

I hope that one day our Rotary paths will cross so that I can thank you in person for your gift. In the meantime, I offer my thanks and the appreciation of our board of trustees. Until then, let's continue *Building Communities – Bridging Continents*.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar".

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, Chairman
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Past President 2005-06, RI

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