



Rotary International, which is headquartered in Evanston, Ill., is the world's first and largest humanitarian service organization with a global network of 1.2 million members in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Through its PolioPlus program, established in 1985, Rotary was the first to have the vision of a polio-free world, and continues to play a crucial role in global polio eradication efforts. More than one million Rotary members have volunteered their time and personal resources to protect more than two billion children in 122 countries from polio. Rotary provides urgently needed funds - it is estimated that the organization will spend US\$ 1 billion by the time the world is certified polio free. In addition, Rotarians have played a major role in encouraging political and financial support from the public sector. Rotary members also provide valuable field support during National Immunization Days through social mobilization and by administering the oral polio vaccine to children.

Unveiled 14 November 2008, this plaque represents Rotary International in the Polio Hall of Fame at Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute in Georgia. Along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization and UNICEF, Rotary was recognized for polio eradication.