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Rotary Club of St. Cloud announces support of 2 new signature projects

The Rotary Club of St. Cloud will support two new signature projects with \$100,000 in funding.

Community Oriented Policing (COP HOUSE)



The new COP(Community-Oriented Policing) House will receive \$75,000 -- \$50,000 in cash Jan. 1, 2016 and an additional \$25,000 in matching funds for the new foundation being established to own and operate this initiative, Greater St Cloud Public Safety Foundation. The Greater St. Cloud Public Safety Foundation plans to purchase a property in the south side

of St. Cloud within the CAPS (Campus Area Police Services) demographic area to be used as the COP House. The house will have officers who will be dedicated to the neighborhood – offering a stabilizing force by their presence. The goals of the COP House are to help police reduce crime by making connections in the neighborhood, positively influencing youth, better utilizing current programs such as Neighborhood Watch, and establish new traditions and programs.

The idea for a COP house came from Racine, Wisconsin, where the police department opened its first COP house in 1993. That community has seen dramatic drops in crime in neighborhoods where COP houses exist. The Greater St. Cloud Public Safety Foundation is in the process of continuing their fundraising efforts to purchase, refurbished and open the COP House in 2016.

Mississippi Partner RiverWalk

The second project the Rotary Club will support is the Mississippi Partners RiverWalk. The Rotary Club will provide \$25,000 by Dec. 31, 2015 to support the grant writing efforts needed to secure funding for the proposed \$3.4



million project. The plan is to develop a river walk along the Mississippi River between downtown St. Cloud and Hester Park on the west side of the river. It is

estimated that it will take three to five years to fully develop the project. The RiverWalk could include features like a rehabilitated shoreline, a wooden boardwalk, antique streetlights, benches, scenic river overlooks, fishing piers, riverside green space and a possible expansion that will include an amphitheater.

Funds have been established and donations are being accepted at CommunityGiving, 101 7th Ave South, Suite 100, St Cloud, MN 56301 or at <http://communitygiving.org/donors-advisors/donations>. Donors should specify **RiverWalk Foundation Fund** or **Greater St. Cloud Public Safety Foundation Fund** when making the contribution.

“Service above self is an important motto for our Rotary Club,” said Marilyn Birkland, chair of the Rotary’s Community Service committee. “Our members voted to support these unique projects because they will help to strengthen our community and increase the quality of life for our citizens.”

Funding for these projects will come from the Rotary Club of St. Cloud Foundation which has donated more than \$450,000 to local and global projects in the past 17 years most notably including the revitalization of Lake George, Rotary Parks, PAKRAT Mobile Library, Habitat for Humanity and Kids Against Hunger.



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