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ROTARY CLUB OF WASHINGTON DC ANNOUNCES AWARD OF SPECIAL CENTENNIAL GRANT OF \$100,000 TO MARK ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE TO THE CITY

(Washington, D.C) -- The Rotary Club of Washington, DC today announced that a special Centennial Community Service Grant of \$100,000 has been made to the Multicultural Career Intern Program (MCIP). The grant honors the 100th anniversary of the club's Rotary Foundation, which has been supporting non-profit local organizations since the early part of the last century.

With the Centennial Grant funds, MCIP, which works out of the Columbia Heights Educational Campus, will establish a student-run and led Community Development Corporation(CDC). This will be the first student-run CDC in the country and will serve as an economic change agent for the students and their communities throughout Washington, D.C. Some of the areas of need already identified by the students include food insecurity/inequity, employment, housing, financial literacy, and college accessibility and scholarships.

"This year we chose to reward a single Washington DC non-profit with a larger grant for a significant activity as a statement of pride in our 100 years of service and our commitment to a better future for our community," said Marilyn Nevy-Cruz, this year's club President. "We received many excellent applications and the final choice was very difficult. We believe this student-run project is a wonderful way to extend our history of service into the future for our Washington community."

The Rotary Club of Washington DC established its own Rotary Foundation in 1922 to engage in works of charity. This year the Foundation celebrates its 100th year of support for a wide range of charitable community development activities.

The DC Rotary Club and its Foundation decided to make this one-time Centennial Grant to benefit Metropolitan DC residents in the thematic areas of "Saving Mothers and Children" and "Supporting Education."

In addition to this special Centennial Grant, the Foundation will also conduct its usual grant application cycle in Early 2023, soliciting applications for small grants of \$1,000 - \$5,000 benefiting the Washington DC metropolitan area. As in past years, the application period for the regular grant cycle will start December 1 and close January 31.

A local club of Rotary International, The Rotary Club of Washington was established in the District of Columbia since 1912. Its 140 members meet weekly and are a diverse group committed to transforming lives through service.

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