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Press Release, Project Peanut Butter

Project Peanut Butter would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the Rotary Clubs that have aided in the production of ready-to-use therapeutic food (RUTF) in several countries to combat malnutrition.

Project Peanut Butter (PPB) is a 501(c)(3) whose mission is to seek and “to advance the treatment of severe malnutrition, the single largest cause of child death in the world today, using effective, locally produced ready-to-use therapeutic foods. This nonprofit is formed to provide needed nutritional and medical support primarily to children suffering from severe acute malnutrition in sub-Saharan Africa and beyond.”

They utilize RUTF that is locally produced and locally staffed in Sierra Leone, Malawi, and Ghana. They have also been able to develop a program in the Philippines that is self-sustainable due to Rotary funding. The RUTFs are given as home-based therapy to children 6-30 months old with severe acute malnutrition (SAM). Malnutrition is known as the “silent epidemic,” because there are more than 3.5 million children worldwide who die each year. The RUTFs prevent stunting and enables proper cognitive and physical development.

Rotarian Dr. Dennis Spurgin is the liaison between PPB and the expanding network of Rotary. PPB would like to acknowledge the four grants they received from Rotary International that has supported the aforementioned facilities and programs. PPB would also like to thank the Rotary Clubs that have fundraised over \$97,000: Loyola Heights, Perris, Indian Wells, Beaumont, Temecula, Palm Desert, Hemet Sunrise, Redland Sunrise, Indio Sunrise, Temecula Sunrise, Palm Springs, Idyllwild, Crestline/Lake Gregory, Lake Arrowhead, Rialto, Coachella Valley, Yucaipa, Riverside East, Fontana, San Bernardino Sunset, Desert Hot Springs, Wildomar, San Jacinto, Murrieta, Cherry Valley, Menifee, Big Bear Lake Interact, Lake Arrowhead Mountain Sunrise, Rancho Cordova, Morinville (Canada), Indian Wells, San Bernardino Crossroads, Indio, Norco/Eastvale, North Branford, Arroyo Grande, Cambria, Brighton (Ontario), Worcester (England), Palm Springs Sunup, Cathedral City, Redlands, Riverside Sunrise, Palm to Pines, Rancho Mirage, University of Redlands Rotaract, Corona, Moreno Valley Morning, Cobourg (Ontario), Salmon Arm (B.C.), Salmon Arm Daybreak (B.C.), Revelstroke (B.C.), Pasadena, Uplans, Cambira, and the MD, PA, and WV District Governors.