

# Waukesha Rotary to host blood drive, hands out grants

WAUKESHA — Despite the ongoing pandemic, the Waukesha Rotary Club has been busy.

In response to the critical need for blood during the pandemic, the Rotary Club will hold a blood drive with Versiti from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 26 in a mobile bus parked at the Frame Park Rotary Building off of Whiterock Avenue.

Appointments can be scheduled by contacting Versiti Blood Center at 877-232-4376 or email to [mail@waukesharotary.org](mailto:mail@waukesharotary.org).

In addition, the Waukesha Rotary Club Charitable

Fund Board has completed their annual grant process and announced that funding was provided to support a number of projects for the community's nonprofits. Organizations receiving funding were ACAP, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Blessing in a Backpack, Bryon Riesch Paralysis Foundation, The Caring Place, Christmas Clearing Council, Eras Senior Network, Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast, Good Friend, Great Milwaukee El Sistema, Lake Area Free Clinic, LifeStriders, Literary Services of Wisconsin,

NAMI, St. Joseph's Medical Clinic, Salvation Army, Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic, **Waukesha Public Library**, and The Women's Center.

Additionally, a second installment was escrowed for a project at Retzer Nature Center. Rotary is supporting improvements to the Retzer Adventure Trail. The project consists of construction of a series of "pod" areas, accessible for all ages and abilities, providing a variety of outdoor educational components, sensory-based play experiences and STEM

activities for families and school groups.

Currently the Rotary Club of Waukesha is actively involved in a project to supply cleaning and food kits to Hebron Housing Services. This project is supported by a Rotary District 6270 Grant.

Anyone interested in supporting Rotary's Hebron Housing project should email [mail@waukesharotary.org](mailto:mail@waukesharotary.org).

The Rotary Club of Waukesha is currently meeting Mondays at noon on Zoom. If you are interested to join, email [mail@waukesharotary.org](mailto:mail@waukesharotary.org).