
All money raised will help achieve our goal of a world without polio or help in our ability to provide funding for fresh water and sanitation projects, thereby achieving maternal and child health amongst our third world families.”...Garry

After 25 years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are on the brink of eradicating this tenacious disease, but a strong push is needed now to root it out once and for all. It is a window of opportunity of historic proportions.

Reaching the ultimate goal of a polio-free world presents ongoing challenges, not the least of which is a US$535 million funding gap through 2012. Of course, Rotary alone can't fill this gap, but continued Rotarian advocacy for government support can help enormously.

As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. The stakes are that high. "If we all have the fortitude to see this effort through to the end, then we will eradicate polio." - Bill Gates

Ann Lee Hussey, South Berwick, Maine, U.S.A. District Governor Elect for 2010-2011, District 7780. Ann Lee is a polio survivor and devotes much of her time helping to immunize children.

There are 12-20 million polio survivors estimated to live in the world today. I want you to remember that polio lives with them forever. Post Polio Syndrome, is a condition that affects survivors after recovery from the initial paralytic attack of the virus. These symptoms will appear 20-40 years after the original infection and occurs in 30-50% of survivors.

Ann Lee strongly believes one person can make a difference and that it is a privilege and a gift to do volunteer work.

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