

## Rotary Breakfast Club Fights Homelessness and Interpersonal Abuse

The advent of the Covid-19 disease has exacerbated issues of homelessness, domestic violence and interpersonal abuse in our community. The Rotary Club of Fort Collins – Breakfast sought to intervene in these issues by supporting Neighbor to Neighbor and Crossroads Safehouse in Larimer County. Rotary is an international service organization working to improve the lives of people locally and internationally.

The Covid-19 pandemic caused a 900% increase in the need for Emergency Rent Assistance provided by Neighbor to Neighbor. To help meet this need the Rotary Breakfast Club applied to Rotary District 5440 for a matching grant. The Breakfast club contributed \$5,000 and the District matched up to \$4,000 resulting in a \$9,000 contribution to N2N. The average renter receives \$750/month and the funds are mailed directly to the landlord. With the help of local cities, philanthropists, nonprofit organizations and other sources, N2N was able to provide more than one million dollars in rental assistance during the early part of the pandemic. The need, however, is expected to exceed two million dollars by the end of the year. You can learn more about N2N and contribute at [www.n2n.org](http://www.n2n.org).

The Breakfast Club also received a Rotary District 5440 matching grant for Crossroads Safehouse. The club and the district each provided \$2,000 for a total of \$4,000 which was used to support youth services. CS envisions a society where family members are free of domestic violence and interpersonal abuse. Rotary provided funds to the CS library where youth can socially distance while working at a desk, participate in school projects, join in Zoom music therapy, and have a quiet space for study. CS has served more than 92 adults and 35 children from March to September. Also, in that time period CS provided 4,261 nights of safe shelter. You can learn more about Crossroads Safehouse and contribute at [www.crossroadssafehouse.org](http://www.crossroadssafehouse.org).

Rotary clubs in Larimer County support our community through scholarships, school supplies, support to local nonprofits, and in many the ways. You can learn more about the Rotary Breakfast club at [www.fcbreakfastrotary.org](http://www.fcbreakfastrotary.org).