

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

MEETING WEEKLY, WEDNESDAY
12:00 NOON AT
THE SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE
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WISCONSIN ROTARY CLUBS PROVIDE 30,000 MEALS FOR SALVATION ARMY
Chance 2008 meeting results in significant relief assistance.

On February 6, some 30,000 meals will arrive in Cedar Rapids from the Rock County Rotary Clubs (Kids Against Hunger), given in cooperation with the Cedar Rapids West Rotary to those in need in the Cedar Rapids area. The rice pouches are made by the 4 Rotary clubs of Rock County in Wisconsin.

Chris Lindell, Rotary West Vice-President says even many months after the June flood, groups like the Salvation Army are still providing meals and other relief to flood-affected families. "Providing nearly 30,000 meals is awesome. The Cedar Rapids West Rotarians greatly appreciate all that the Rotary clubs of Rock County Wisconsin do to make these food pouches and their generous contribution to Cedar Rapids as we continue to recover from the flood and its impact."

Alliant Energy is donating the transportation from Janesville, Wisconsin to Cedar Rapids.

The partnership began shortly after last year's flood when Lindell, traveling on business, attended a Rotary meeting in Beloit. When the Wisconsin club members learned he was from Cedar Rapids, they offered a pallet of meals to help. Lindell arranged for Alliant to transport the meals, and they were donated to the Salvation Army. Pictures of that first donation can be viewed at <http://www.cwestrotary.org/PhotoAlbum.cfm?AlbumID=4414>

Rotary West members will be on hand at the Salvation Army warehouse to accept delivery and turn the shipment over to Salvation Army officials to distribute the food to the needy.

Three to five pallets will be delivered, totaling 7,128 meals. Each bag serves six people. The meal consists of rice, soy, vegetables, and chicken flavoring, which can be cooked as is or mixed with meat and vegetables for a quick and satisfying meal.

The cooperation between the Cedar Rapids and Wisconsin Rotary Clubs demonstrates one of the strengths of Rotary. Serving the needs of people impacted by the Cedar Rapids flood and other disasters around the world is the heart of Rotary.

The address of the Salvation Army warehouse is
901 17th St. NE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Delivery is scheduled for 3pm.

More information on how the Rock County Wisconsin Rotary Clubs work with Kids Against Hunger is on their website at http://www.rotarykidsagainsthunger.com/index_files/Page319.htm

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