ROTARY CLUB OF KATY

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Rotary Club of Katy Passes $664,000 in Five-Year Community Giving, Opens 2026-2027 with $13,000 in Grants

KATY, Texas — August 3, 2026 — The Rotary Club of Katy has awarded its first grants of the 2026-2027 Rotary year — $13,000 to three Katy organizations — building on five straight years in which the club returned **$664,438** to the community through **169 grants**.

Every dollar was raised by volunteers. None of it came from an endowment.

The first 2026-2027 grants:

Recipient	Amount
City of Katy Fireworks	$8,000
Katy Exchange	$3,000
Keep Katy Beautiful	$2,000
Total	**$13,000**

Five Years, $664,438

Rotary Year	Granted	Grants
2021-2022	$110,675	33
2022-2023	$170,130	38
2023-2024	$135,925	33
2024-2025	$132,464	30
2025-2026	$115,245	35
Five-Year Total	**$664,438**	**169**

Roughly one in four dollars went to Katy ISD students — **$165,470 across 27 grants** supporting FFA, the Education Foundation, Fine Arts and Band, the Special Rodeo, elementary literacy programs, and Take Me Fishing. The rest reached health care, hunger relief, veterans, disaster response, and the arts, through partners including Christ Clinic's Dispensary of Hope, Katy Christian Ministries, The Ballard House, Brookwood Community, Hope Impacts, MADD, and Operation Turkey.

> *"This isn't grant money we applied for. It's money our members raised by putting on events and asking their neighbors to show up. That's why we publish exactly where every dollar went."*
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> Rotary club of Katy

Next Up: Katy Rice Harvest Festival — October 10–11, 2026

The club's grant budget comes from events its members build and staff. First on the calendar is the **45th Katy Rice Harvest Festival**, presented by the City of Katy in partnership with the Rotary Club of Katy at Historic Town Square in front of Katy City Hall, 904 Avenue C. One hundred percent of net proceeds return to the community as scholarships and charitable grants.

Saturday, October 10 — 10 AM–10 PM, headlined by Lonestar

Sunday, October 11 — opens at noon, closing with Neal McCoy

The weekend features more than 50 vendor booths, a carnival, beer garden, live music, and the Agriculture Adventure Area, with free shuttle service from the Merrell Center. Tickets and vendor information are available at katyriceharvestfestival.com.

Then in the Spring: Wild West Brewfest — April 15-17, 2027

The club's spring fundraiser, the **Wild West Brewfest**, has raised more than **$1.5 million** for Katy-area causes and has been named the top beer festival in North America three years running. WWBF 2027 returns to Typhoon Texas, 555 Katy Fort Bend Rd.:

- **Thursday, April 15** — K-Town Throw-Down, 6–9 PM, free admission
- **Friday, April 16** — Launch Party, 7–10 PM
- **Saturday, April 17** — Wild West Brewfest, VIP 2–8 PM / GA 3–8 PM

Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities for both events are open now.

About the Rotary Club of Katy

A chartered member of Rotary International District 5890, the Rotary Club of Katy unites local business and professional leaders in service to the Katy community. The club takes no fee from its fundraising — 100% goes back out in scholarships and charitable grants.