



District 5450

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Rotary Clubs contribute \$153,000 to Marshall Fire Recovery Efforts

LOUISVILLE, CO- [Rotary District 5450](#) representatives will present a check for \$153,373 to a consortium of Marshall Fire community organizations currently helping with the recovery and the community-wide rebuilding efforts. The December 2021 Marshall Fire destroyed more than 1,100 homes in Louisville, Superior, and Unincorporated Boulder County and took the lives of two residents.

The donation presentation will be held on Thursday, April 27, at 1:30 p.m., at the **Marshall ROC (Restoring Our Community) Marshall Fire Recovery Center**. The [Marshall Fire Recovery Center](#) is located at 357 McCaslin Blvd., Suite 115B, Louisville, CO 80027. Ray Anderson, who was the District Governor of Rotary 5450 at the time of the fire will lead the presentation.

“As Rotarians, we consider ourselves people of action, and on that fateful day in December, we knew we could help by reaching out and asking Rotarians for assistance. In the days and weeks following the fire, support poured in from Rotarians, Rotary Clubs, and friends from across the country. With the assistance of the Rotary Clubs of Boulder, and our District Natural Disaster Relief Committee, it allows us to be here today to support these groups working so closely with the Marshall Fire community,” said Anderson.

Some of the Rotary funds have already been distributed. Recipients include:

- **Impact on Education** (Foundation for Boulder Valley Schools) – for mental health support to students affected by the fire
- **Jewish Family Services of Colorado** – for direct assistance to families affected by the fire
- **Marshall ROC (Marshall Fire Long Term Recovery Group)**– for community outreach, emergency food pantry, and mental health programs targeted to children, families, and others affected by the fire
- **Marshall Together** – for babysitting and mental health support
- **YMCA of Northern Colorado** – for childcare while parents who lost their homes completed disaster

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- **YMCA of Northern Colorado** – for summer camp for children of families affected by the fire

“[Marshall ROC](#) is grateful for the donation from Rotary, as it will help us deliver additional programs for the community targeted toward children and families with a focus on mental health, supplementing our emergency food pantry, and rebuilding the community overall. It is now clear the need for all of these is greater than the currently available resources,” said Jeri Curry, Marshall ROC Co-Chair.

In addition to contributions from local Rotary Clubs and members, Rotary District 5450 also received donations and letters from all over the country: Florida, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, California, Texas, Nebraska, and Wyoming. Some of those who donated and sent notes have no connection to Rotary, they just wanted to help.

Rotary District 5450 encompasses 58 clubs with 2,600 members, mostly on the Front Range but also north to Mead, east to Fort Morgan, west to Summit County and south to Castle Rock.

Funds were received and allocated by the Rotary District 5450 Natural Disaster Response

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