



Ours & Theirs...Linked By Generosity.

## Media Release

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### Rotarians support Rice Day in Newfoundland and Labrador

*Clarenville, NL* – The Clarenville Rotary Club today presented a donation of rice to four local schools. On October 15, 2008 these four schools will be joined by others throughout the province for *Rice Day in Newfoundland and Labrador*.

On Rice Day students throughout the province will exchange their lunch money for a simple bowl of rice, linking them with half of the world's population who rely on the food staple. "This project has been a boost to our school spirit; it promotes student leadership and the development of global citizens" says Ian Davidson, assistant principal at Clarenville High School and provincial school liaison with Two Villages.

The project is the fourth for the not-for-profit, Clarenville-based organization Two Villages. Two Villages has partnered with USC Canada to build a Seed Bank in Wollo district, Ethiopia, Africa. The project will allow the community to achieve food supply sustainability and includes the construction of a community centre, plant nursery and teaching location. The area is notable for the famine of 1984/85 when more than a million people died of starvation.

"This project allows children in this province to have a direct impact on a third world community" says Troy Mitchell, co-founder of Two Villages. "Today's youth are globally aware and will lead our communities into the future. It is very positive when groups such as the Clarenville Rotary Club support their efforts."

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Attached: info re picture

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Clarenville Rotarians present rice to four local schools in preparation for *Rice Day in Newfoundland and Labrador*. Club President Bill Bishop (third from left) makes the presentation to each school's principal.