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## Local Service Club Says Panhandling Works

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Portland - October 24, 2009 – Once again, Washington County Rotaract will be “Panhandling for Polio.” With the success and popularity of the first event earlier in the summer, “panhandlers” will once again be asking for donations along freeway exit ramps. Donations will go toward the Polio Plus Challenge to help fund the final push to eradicate polio from the world.

In addition to the Beaverton locations along Highway 217, Rotaractors and volunteers will be in Tualatin near the Bridgeport Shopping Center and Vancouver at 164<sup>th</sup> and Mill Plain. Getting caught up in the excitement, the youngest Rotarians, known as Interactors, will be trying their hand at panhandling. In addition to carrying signs at the freeway ramps, they will also be gathering donations at their schools.

This phase of Panhandling for Polio is the second in a three part strategy to launch World Panhandling Day. Organized by Washington County Rotaract, over thirty clubs in at least sixteen countries will be panhandling on the same day in 2010. “We are so happy with the feedback we got from the worldwide Rotary community, we want take this idea to the rest of the world,” says Stefanie Milliman, past-president of the club.

In reaction to the success, a website has been created to promote the project and to accept credit card donations through the end of October.

Located throughout the world, Rotaract clubs are groups of young professionals dedicated to serve their community and the world. As business professionals and future community leaders, Rotaracters address the physical and social needs of their communities, while promoting international understanding and peace through a framework of friendship and service.

For more information on Panhandling for Polio, or to make a donation by credit card, please visit [www.panhandlingforpolio.com](http://www.panhandlingforpolio.com) or email [President@washingtoncountyrotaract.org](mailto:President@washingtoncountyrotaract.org).