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Welcome To The Rotary Foundation Minute

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WHAT IS POLIOPLUS?

Ending polio is Rotary's main humanitarian goal, and PolioPlus is the program that supports these efforts.

It was launched in 1985 with help from Dr. Albert Sabin, the developer of the oral polio vaccine, as a worldwide program to protect children from the paralyzing consequences of polio. Rotary later became a founding member of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

With our partners and leaders like you, we've helped immunize more than 3 billion children against polio in 122 countries. We've reduced polio cases by 99.9% worldwide and we won't stop until we end the disease for good.

The processes Rotary helped build to fight polio have also been used to protect communities from COVID-19 and other diseases. This illustrates the Plus in PolioPlus.

But polio anywhere is a threat to children everywhere. Only global eradication will ensure that no child suffers its devastating effects ever again.

Until next week,
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