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By the conclusion of the regular football season, the Rotarians' commitment shone through as they collectively decided to donate an amount equal to their team's total points scored throughout the season. An impressive \$5,548 was raised, reflecting their love for the game and their dedication to supporting the Foundation in their names. [more]



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Club News
By Jackie Curbish
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LEADERBOARD

[Check out the full district scoreboard](#)

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PHOTOS:



Posted by Angela Smith
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The success of this event would not have been possible without the invaluable support of local community partners. The Rotary Club extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Manchester Kiwanis Club, Manchester Women's Club, and Warm Springs Baptist Church for their significant contributions, which helped transform this initiative into a memorable occasion.

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