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## ROTARY CLUB TO DONATE FUNDS TO J.C. CLARK SCHOOL

HARTFORD – The kickoff last month of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center at J.C. Clark School brought an unexpected benefit from a well-known source.

At that event, Clark Principal Robert Morris shared his wish list with attendees. With that knowledge, Hartford Rotary Club member Paul Mikkelson decided he would solicit his fellow Rotarians for additional funds for the school. He pledged to ride to the top of Mount Washington, and asked club members to donate to his trip.

The request resulted in more than \$500 being raised for the school; the funds will be used to purchase some wish list items, including paperback books and a phonics program. The check will be presented at the Rotary Club luncheon on Monday, November 25 at noon, at The Hartford Club, 46 Prospect Street.

The Rotary Club has been a Community Supporting Agency of the school for more than a decade, supporting Clark's reading program. Mikkelson is one of several Rotary Club members who have read to Clark students over the years.

The donation will go hand-in-hand with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Center, a federally funded project that offers before- and after-school programs, family learning, computer technology and literacy programs. The Rotary Club provided a letter of support for the application and contributed seed money to fund the grant application process.

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