



Dear Friends of Big Canoe Rotary,

In 2022, a group of six Big Canoe neighbors met to explore the idea of chartering a new club in Big Canoe. Rotary's founder Paul Harris' idea has spread around the world with 1.4 million Rotarians across 200 countries who extend "Service Above Self" to others. In April 2022, the Rotary Club of Big Canoe was chartered by Rotary International and began our Rotary club with 22 members. Rotary Club of Big Canoe was recognized in April -District 6910 conference with the following awards: Club of the Year; Gold Club; 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Membership development with 45 members; Platinum award for Public Image; Outstanding Leadership awarded to Charter President Fran Farias.

**The "7 Areas of Focus" that guide our local and global community projects:**



**The Big Canoe Rotary Foundation (501c3)** was established in 2022 to accept donations from individuals and corporations. We have several new initiatives planned as well as continuing to build on the programs established in 2022-2024. Our Theme is "The "Magic of Rotary". We hope that you will consider adding your support so that we can continue to work **Rotary Magic** both locally and globally.

On August 10, 2024, The Rotary Club of Big Canoe will host an "**Off to the Races**" fundraising event.

Please consider becoming one of our sponsors. See attached Sponsorship information and our list of accomplishments.

**Yours in Rotary Service,**

**Charter President - Fran Farias, Event Sponsorship Co-Chair**  
**Babs Price, Event Sponsorship Co-Chair**  
**President Dirk Ebener 2024-2025**

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## Rotary Club of Big Canoe - People of Action

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Here are just a few of our accomplishments during the first 18 months:

- Flagpole Project - Donated & Dedicated to the Big Canoe Community honoring the Veterans with a ceremony.
- Established a STEAM scholarship program and awarded Ten-\$1,000 scholarships to HS seniors from Pickens & Dawson counties.
- Sponsored a GRSP/international student from Sweden in 2023-2024 and Poland in 2024-2025.
- Packed medical supplies through **Med-Share** for local & international use.
- Painted ART canvases and packed medical supplies that were shipped to Ukraine with a corporate partner, FODAC.
- Started a medical equipment recycling project in Big Canoe and expanded to a county project with our corporate partner, **FODAC**, in collections of donated home medical equipment to provide locally and to areas in need.
- Sponsored the **Georgia Laws of Life** essay contest.
- Sponsored meals to an entire school for children **Lunches for Learning** in Honduras.
- Planted community trees, education & nutrition by supporting **Air Guatemala**, a reforestation program in Guatemala.
- Sponsored Rotary District/International **WASH**, a water sanitation project in Haiti.
- Sponsored a Military family providing Christmas gifts, utilities and food.
- Provided over 250 wooden toy puzzles to local county children & Ukrainian refugee children through **Toys for Tots** and **The Place**.
- Sponsored two STEM camps at Christmas and in the Summer at the **Boys & Girls Club of North Georgia** Pickens campus.
- Provided donations to assist those in rehabilitation programs for young women with children at the **Ruth House** and young men at the **Timothy House**.
- Partnered monthly with **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** program to build bunk beds for local children who sleep on the floor.
- Partnered with **Pickens Weekend Snack Program** to provide “weekend “snacks for low-income children in Pickens County.
- Our fundraising efforts included corporate sponsors, Big Canopoly game board and Peace Dove Art sale, raising over \$40,000 of which over \$30,000 was donated and awarded back to our local & global communities.



## *Rotary Club of Big Canoe "Off to the Races"*

All sponsors will receive:

- Thank You recognition in Smoke Signals and other media.
- Logo displayed on all pre-event marketing, if secured before printing.
- Sponsorship promoted on Rotary Club of Big Canoe's Facebook page and website.
- Stage and AV Recognition at the event.
- Logo displayed on Sponsorship Boards and banners.

### *Winner's Circle*

*\$5000*

- Table to promote your business.
- Eight complimentary event tickets (\$800 value)
- Four complimentary Bourbon Bar wristbands (\$200 value)

### *Triple Crown*

*\$2500*

- Four complimentary event tickets (\$400 value)
- Two complimentary Bourbon Bar wristbands (\$100 value)

### *Trifecta*

*\$1000*

- Two complimentary event tickets (\$200 value)
- Two complimentary Bourbon Bar wristbands (\$100 value)

### *The Saratoga Race*

*\$500*

- Two complimentary event tickets (\$200 value)

### *Gold Cup*

*\$250*

- One complimentary event ticket (\$100 value)

Please make checks payable to Big Canoe Rotary Foundation or scan the QR code.  
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***Thank you for your generosity!***







## *Off to the Races*

### SPONSORSHIP DONATION DOCUMENT

*The Rotary Club of Big Canoe gratefully acknowledges receipt of a donation in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.*

*From: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Date: \_\_\_\_\_*

The Rotary Club of Big Canoe is a 501-c (3) organization. The EIN # is 92-0311234. Checks should be made out to Big Canoe Rotary Foundation.

In accordance with Internal Service regulations, this certifies that no goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution.

The Rotary Club of Big Canoe sincerely appreciates your sponsorship/donation. Your generous contribution allows us to *Work Rotary Magic* for the many local and international organizations we support.

*Rotary Club of Big Canoe Off to the Races – August 10, 2024*

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