

# Boulder Area Rotary Community Corps 2025 Spring Newsletter

## Membership

There are now nearly 40 members of the Boulder area Rotary Community Corps. Several new members signed up based on the advertisement that has been running in the Sunday Boulder Daily Camera. Please be sure to let your family, friends, colleagues and neighbors know about our group and how to sign up.

Do you have a heart for service and looking for ways to give back?

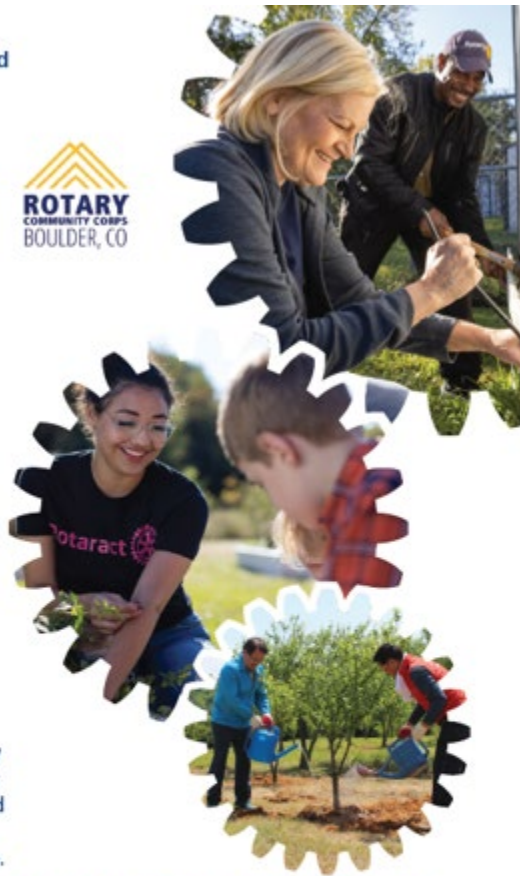
### COME JOIN THE BOULDER AREA COMMUNITY CORPS



The Community Corps is a group of citizens who share Rotary's commitment to change in the world through service projects based on Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus:

- Promoting Peace
- Fighting Disease
- Providing Clean Water
- Saving Mothers and Children
- Supporting Education
- Growing Local Economies
- Protecting the Environment

Community Corps members are not required to pay dues or attend Rotary meetings – They are Friends of Rotary who volunteer at activities sponsored by Rotary and its partners, give their input, and invite others to participate.



### TOGETHER WE CAN CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD

To learn more visit our website - [BoulderRotary.org/Community-Corps](https://BoulderRotary.org/Community-Corps)



Sponsored by:

- Boulder Rotary Club
- Boulder Valley Rotary Club
- Boulder Flatirons Rotary Club



## Upcoming Volunteer Events

### Tree Planting at San Juan del Centro Affordable Housing Community



Saturday, May 10 has been selected as the date to plant trees at the San Juan del Centro affordable housing community. Boulder Rotary and Boulder Valley Rotary provided \$2,500 to the Tree Trust Program of the Play Boulder Foundation to purchase the trees.

We're still not sure exactly how many trees this may buy, depending on the size, but we're hoping to put in at least 10 trees this year. This will be in addition to the 6 trees that were planted last year. We plan to start work at 9 am in the morning and continue until the trees are planted, mulched and watered. Play Boulder Tree Trust staff will maintain the trees through the summer by watering and pruning. It is recommended the volunteers bring and wear gloves and suitable clothing for this type of work.



Contact Bob Harberg at [harbergr@gmail.com](mailto:harbergr@gmail.com) for more information and if you would like to volunteer.

## Flatirons Habitat for Humanity House Construction



Join us on May 17, 2025, roll up your sleeves and make a lasting impact! This year, we're taking action at Ponderosa Mobile Home Park, a community near West Four Mile Canyon Creek that is undergoing a transformation to ensure affordable, sustainable, and safe housing for its residents. Since its purchase by the city in 2017, extensive infrastructure upgrades have been underway, and now, in partnership with Flatirons Habitat for Humanity, we are constructing highly energy-efficient, fixed foundation homes that will serve families for generations to come. Volunteers will contribute at one of two locations:

- Ponderosa Construction Site – Assist in building homes directly on-site.
- BoulderMOD Factory – Work on prefabricated home components that will be installed in the Ponderosa community.

Contact L'Shawn Howard at [lshawn77@gmail.com](mailto:lshawn77@gmail.com) for more information and if you would like to volunteer



Register now: [Volunteer Here](#)  
(Create an account, click on the link in the project description, select your preferred site, find the event on May 17th, and sign up for the shift in RED.)

Together, we can build homes, change lives, and make an epic impact! 💪

## Pollinator Garden at the South Boulder Recreation Center



Last year, Rotarians planted and maintained a pollinator garden at the South Boulder Recreation Center. This year, we are scheduling a clean-up day for the garden on Saturday, April 19 at 9:00 in the morning. It is recommended that volunteers wear gloves and to also bring hand clippers for removing dead vegetation if possible. Please contact Bob Harberg at [harbergqr@gmail.com](mailto:harbergqr@gmail.com) for more information and if you would like to help.

## Solar Panels to Ukraine



We are scheduling our second Solar Panels to Ukraine event at the JCC on Friday, April 11, from 10:00-12:00 before our luncheon meeting. As you know, Boulder Rotary is sponsoring this exciting project to send lightweight

solar panels to Ukraine for charging cell phones. The panels will be received by Rotary Clubs in Ukraine for distribution to schools, universities, NGOs, and homes. This is not a luxury, but life-saving as cell phones warn people of incoming missiles and attacks. We'll be adding morale-boosting messages, and BRC and sunflower decals to the panels to let folks in Ukraine know we support them.

Please reach out to Merrill Glustrom [MGlustrom@Outlook.com](mailto:MGlustrom@Outlook.com) or Lynn Johnson [LynneJohnson44@gmail.com](mailto:LynneJohnson44@gmail.com) if you're able to come!

### **Rise Against Suicide - Emerge 5K Registration**

Rotarians and RCC members are being asked to assist with registration and other race day activities on Sunday, May 4 from 8:00am-11:00am at the Boulder Reservoir - 5565 51st St, Boulder. Please contact Bil Farrow at [whfarrow@outlook.com](mailto:whfarrow@outlook.com) or Safia Nawroz at [snawroz@yahoo.com](mailto:snawroz@yahoo.com) if you are interested in helping.



The Emerge 5k is Rise's biggest annual fundraiser, and the funds raised ensure the continuation of the organizational mission of breaking the social and financial barriers to mental health care for youth. Each year, Rise Against Suicide funds thousands of therapy sessions for youth under the age of 19 who are uninsured or underinsured and burdened with suicidal ideation.

The Rise Against Suicide Emerge 5k is not just another race; it's a movement. It's an opportunity for people to come together and show their support for the youth in our community who are struggling with mental health issues. It's a chance for us to honor the memories of those we have lost to suicide and to prevent future tragedies.

## Previous Volunteer Events

### Flower Power



Rotarians and RCC members teamed up to collect flowers from the Colorado Garden & Home Show held at the Colorado Convention Center. Volunteers boxed up the flowers and plants on Sunday afternoon on February 16 and delivered these to local senior care facilities on Monday morning. Joe Hinton of the Boulder Flatirons Club reported that some 60 boxes (6-8 plants per box) were distributed. There were many words of thanks and smiles as the flowers and plants brightened up the day for the seniors.