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Subject: Rotary Hosts Best Night Ever Online to Fight Polio

Singing and dancing under the stars, under the sun, in a theater. Not happening this month and perhaps not for a while but Northern California Rotary clubs will be doing their best to bring a piece of Broadway into living rooms to entertain audiences—and to support Rotary efforts to eliminate polio throughout the world.

Rotary International District 5130—47 Rotary clubs located from the Wine Country to the Oregon border—is partnering with Transcendence Theatre Company as their Nonprofit Partner for their free online performance of *Don't Stop Believin'* on Sunday, **July 12**. Featuring staged performances of theatrical musical numbers, Broadway hits, the classics and the contemporary, Transcendence Theater has brought award-winning concerts to audiences from the majestic ruins of Jack London State Historic Park as well as from iconic locations throughout Wine Country's Sonoma Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area.

This year, for the health and safety of audiences, Transcendence has transitioned their summer Broadway Under the Stars show season into a virtual series called the Best Night Ever Online that is free for all attendees. Eight years of singing and dancing theatrical performance footage has been woven into an entertaining virtual concert. Though viewing it will be free, donations will be welcome. With this partnership, **10% of all online donations** that are received in response to the July 12 show will be donated back to Rotary initiatives.

“During this challenging time in which all of our lives have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, Rotarians, collectively and individually, have responded with significant funding support for food-providing organizations, for the provision of protective gear and other medical supplies, and in other vital ways as we continue to actively serve our communities,” said Rotary District 5130 Governor Doug Johnson.

Noting that fighting disease has always been a priority for Rotary activity and financial support—Rotarians have contributed more than \$1.8 billion to the worldwide polio vaccination project that has immunized more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries—Johnson has designated the profits from

the Transcendence Theater concert to go to the Rotary International Polio Plus project. “Only two countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan, still have cases of wild polio,” he said. “And we know how fast a virus can be spread. It is imperative that we eliminate polio—everywhere.”

Virtual attendees can reserve their tickets through the Rotary District 5130 website. There is no cost for tickets but the opportunity for making a donation is easily accessible and will be prompted on the website, according to Johnson.

To reserve tickets, go to rotary5130.org, to Best Night Ever Online, and click on “reserve your free tickets here”.

“We invite everyone to join us on Sunday, July 12 at 2PM from the comfort of their own homes. A great afternoon of entertainment—and an opportunity to make lives better,” said Johnson.