

The J.E.B. Stuart High School *Interact* Club works to eradicate polio through the Purple Pinkie Project

Rotary clubs here and around the world are determined to do whatever it takes to achieve a world free of the crippling disease polio. A major part of that effort is to raise \$200 million in response to a challenge grant of \$355 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The J.E.B. Stuart Interact Club, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bailey's Crossroads, raised funds to eradicate polio through its Purple Pinkie project. Thirty-three Interactors from the J.E.B. Stuart High School Interact Club, under the watchful eye of their sponsor, Mr. James Holcombe, hosted an information booth and Purple Pinkie painting at the Mason District Festival in Annandale on September 26. The name "purple pinkie" comes from the purple dye painted on a child's finger to show they have been immunized.

In spite of the rain that never dampened their spirits, the students enthusiastically raised \$250.00 to eradicate polio. The Interact Club plans to hold a second Purple Pinkie Project at the school.

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