

**“Pizza for Polio” Fundraiser Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup>**

**@ Pizza Patio 2203 1st St**

**Alamogordo, NM 88310**

**4:30-8:30 PM**

On Saturday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, World Polio Day, the Rotary Club of Whitesands will be partnering with local pizza establishments for a fundraiser – **“Pizza for Polio”**. **Any pizza orders on this day will see a portion of sales being donated back to Rotary Club of Whitesands to help eradicate polio worldwide.**

The effort hopes to raise money for Rotary International, the volunteer fundraising arm of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative—a public-private partnership that also includes the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

This “Pizza for Polio” fundraiser comes at an important time in the fight to eradicate polio, which would be only the second human disease to be eradicated. Case numbers of the disease have never been lower, and only two countries (Afghanistan and Pakistan) have never stopped transmission of the wild poliovirus.

*However, a funding gap means immunization campaigns are being cut in high-risk countries, leaving children more vulnerable to polio. If polio isn’t stopped now, the disease could stage a comeback, affecting an estimated 200,000 children every year. Rotary, a humanitarian service organization with nearly 34,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, made polio eradication its top priority in 1985. Rotary has since contributed US\$1.2 billion, and its members have logged countless volunteer hours to help immunize more than two billion children in 122 countries.*

WE HOPE YOU WILL COME OUT AND JOIN US FOR A GREAT PIZZA OR THREE!

