

## Hy-Vee awards \$5,000 to Rotary for clean water initiative

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Dr. Dennis Drager, center, of the Marshalltown Rotary Club is shown shaking hands with Ric Anderson of the Marshalltown Hy-Vee grocery store as Greg Brown, far right, of Rotary and Jim Merulla, far left, of Marshalltown's Hy-Vee Drugstore look on. Drager is holding a \$5,000 check presented by Merulla on behalf of Hy-Vee Inc., to Marshalltown Rotary. It will be applied to the local club's \$11,000 match needed for a Rotary International grant of \$78,000, earmarked to provide clean water to villages in Old Fangak County, South Sudan, Africa. The \$78,000 was awarded conditionally earlier this year, on the premise that an additional \$11,000 be raised from other sources, bringing the total match requirement to \$22,000. A consortium of five central Iowa churches, led by Marshalltown's Trinity Lutheran Church have raised nearly \$11,000 as well and are expected to reach or exceed the goal in October. Trinity began spearheading the clean water project in 2009, acting upon the request for aid from Sudanese members who had immigrated from Old Fangak County.

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