

Charles R. Shumate is the President of Church Builders Plus which is a national agency of the church providing loans, capital fund campaigns, and church consultations. He is also the owner of the Sears Hometown Store in Anderson, Indiana. He holds a Doctorate of Education degree from Ball State University in the area of educational leadership. He is certified in Planned Giving from the College of William and Mary National Planned Giving Institute.

While serving as the president of the Anderson Rotary Club, he was bit by the Rotary bug while attending the International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal. A Level 5 Paul Harris Fellow and a member since 2002, Charles has served on the Board of the Noon Rotary Club for many years, as President and Foundation Chair, and has led many local initiatives. He has been actively involved with Rotary District 6560, serving as a District Trainer, an Executive Board Member, Club Champions Leader and Development Team for the Annual Conference. He has also been a member of the Steering Team for the Mid-Year Conference. He completed all three levels of the Rotary Leadership Institute and received education to serve as an RLI leadership trainer.

At the center of his love for life and others is his family: wife of 50 years, Laretta, their two daughters, Chausette and Chara and, as Charles would exclaim, five super-fantastic grandchildren. He has been a pilot for over forty years and enjoys skiing, hunting and spending time with his five super-fantastic grandchildren. He has a 250-foot zip line in his backyard to prove it.

As a Rotarian, Charles says, "Rotary gives me the privilege to meet and befriend some of the finest people I have ever met, who have similar interest in helping those in need. In Rotary, I have the the chance to develop leadership skills and have exposure to influential members of the community. I also have the opportunity to help people in need at home and around the world. Some I will meet and befriend. Others I will never meet or know personally. However, most importantly, through Rotary I can do my little part to help make the world a better place."