

*A project that helps people in developing countries learn about and grow the best local foods to match their nutritional needs.*



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## Media release

### **Learn♦Grow work recognised by international funding agency**

The Rotary Club of Devonport North is pleased to announce that it has attracted a grant of \$US25,000 from the Monsanto Fund. The funds will be used to further the development of the Learn♦Grow project, an inspiring program established in 2007 to help the world's hungry to feed themselves.

Learn♦Grow's Chairman, Buz Green, acknowledged with appreciation receipt of the grant funding. Learn♦Grow's mission is to provide resources, information and technical support to international food aid providers so they can help people in developing countries learn about and grow the best local plants to match their nutritional needs. "Securing this grant is a timely development," Buz Green said. "We are receiving an ever increasing level of inquiry from around the world and this grant will assist us to service those most in need."

The Learn♦Grow project is based on the world's largest database of 24,000 edible plants. It enables the identification of locally adapted food plants with the highest levels of nutrients missing from the diet and giving rise to malnutrition in people of developing countries.

For nearly 50 years, the Monsanto Fund has been an innovative philanthropic leader, providing sustainable assistance to communities in need the world over. "Learn♦Grow's mission has strong parallels with our goal of strengthening communities where we live and work, President of the Monsanto Fund, Deborah Patterson, said. "We have been pleased to recognise its visionary work through the provision of these funds."