

## **REDEYE ROTARY DONATES TO FOSTER CHILDREN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WELD HUMAN SERVICES**

**Redeye Rotary of Greeley has donated over 70 sets of bedding to kinship and foster children under the care of Weld Human Services.**

**Weld County Department of Human Services Foster Care program is dedicated to helping children from toddlers to teenagers in challenging situations grow, learn, thrive, and achieve their full potential for a future of hope. Approximately 300 children and youth are in out-of-home placement in Weld County including those who live with relatives, neighbors, or friends (kinship care), and those in foster care.**

**Weld Human Services staff advised that new bedding sets would be an inspired and practical gift for Weld County's children and youth in foster and kinship care.**

**Redeye Rotary of Greeley was able to order and package comforters, sheets, pillows and blankets for distribution at the Weld Human Services annual Christmas event. In addition to donated gifts, the festivities included a catered meal and entertainment such as photos with Santa, carriage rides, games, and a "winter wonderland" of dozens of Christmas trees at the Island Grove Exhibition Building .**

**As a community partner participating in the event, Redeye Rotary members had opportunity to thank and honor the caseworkers, and those opening their hearts and homes to the children and youth in kinship and foster care.**

**The grant, valued at approximately \$7000, was raised from proceeds of the Redeye Rotary's annual sale of hardy geraniums (and also hanging plants) to hundreds of repeat residential and business customers. Redeye Rotary's popular geranium sale has been its most important fundraiser, scheduled every May, for at least twenty years. Redeye Rotary of Greeley meets for breakfast at 7.a.m. on Tuesdays at Epic Egg on tenth street. .**