



International Service

Make a World of Difference This Year

With an International Project or Activity!

ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS - Rotary has identified specific causes to target to maximize our local and global impact. At the same time, Rotary understands that each community has its own unique needs and concerns. Through global grants and other resources, we help clubs focus their service efforts in the following areas:

- **Maternal and Child Health**
- **Basic Education and Literacy**
- **Economic and Community Development**
- **Peace and Conflict Resolution**
- **Disease Prevention and Treatment**
- **Water and Sanitation**

For more information: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes>

Where Do You Find Out About Projects?

- Rotarians in your club, area or district with projects
- Clubs in your area or district with projects
- District leadership with international connections or knowledge about international projects
- Rotary Showcase
- Rotary Partners
- Project Fairs

What Is Involved in a Project?

Life Cycle of a Project - Rotary projects should include the following: planning, acquiring resources, project implementation, and project evaluation. For more information: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/develop-projects/lifecycle-project>

Funding International Projects Through The Rotary Foundation – Clubs can and should take advantage of grants from the Rotary Foundation. There is excellent information on the District 5190 website in the Grants section as well as on the Rotary International website. Links are provided above.

Grant Type	Website(s)
Global Grants	https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/apply-grants/global-grants
District Service Grants	https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/apply-grants/district-grants

Pre-Approved TRF Package Grants – <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/packaged-grants>

Like global grants, packaged grants support our areas of focus and can include scholarships, humanitarian projects, and vocational training. The key difference is

That the project's framework is provided for you.

We offer nursing scholarships and training for health educators with our partner Aga Khan University. With our partner UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education, we fund scholarships for water and sanitation professionals. Vocational training and medical service teams work with our partner Mercy Ships.

Opportunities to Partner on International Service Projects

(Chart in development – will be posted soon)

Most Rotary Clubs don't have the ability to fund large international service projects. The Rotary Foundation in partnership with the Rotary Districts provides an opportunity to acquire grants for some projects. It is not a simple nor easy process to acquire a global grant but it is worth the effort in the end.

International Service projects and Rotary clubs can be small or large, sophisticated or simple. As Rotarians, we all appreciate the need for the good work and beneficial assistance that we can provide to people and communities around the world. We often think in terms of Global Grants, Package Grants, or District Service Grants, funded through the Rotary Foundation. Where such grants and projects work for a club – we know we can have successes such as in Uganda, Costa Rica, and Mexico. But for clubs who have not ventured into the international service arena recently, or maybe ever, there are opportunities for you as well. Check out the Rotary Foundation Grants. Or, consider other options. One possibility is to partner with another club which is pursuing a grant from the Foundation. Another option is to directly fund a project in another area where you are comfortable with an international

partner and a cause they are trying to address. An example is a project in Nepal with the Tree Foundation that benefits women and new-borns. Or, you can choose to work with some established foundations (in the second table below) that are tried and true Rotary partners and have each accomplished amazing things. Whatever you choose, make 2014-15 the year you directly engage in an international service project or activity.

Potential Rotary Partners - (Examples – but not an exhaustive list)

Table 2 - Foundation or Organization	Website
Awaken	https://awakenreno.org/
Corazon	https://corazon.org/
Free The Girls	https://freethegirls.org/
International Literacy Association	https://www.literacyworldwide.org/
LN-4	https://www.ln4handproject.org/
Open World Program	https://www.openworld.gov/
Project Amigo	https://www.projectamigo.org/
Rise Against Hunger	https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/
Rotoplast International	http://www.rotoplast.org/
Shelter Box USA	https://www.shelterboxusa.org/
Smiles Without Borders	https://district5190.org/page/smiles-without-borders
Stove Team	http://www.stoveteam.org/
Wheel Chair Foundation	https://www.wheelchairfoundation.org/

A little more information --

Awaken – A non-profit organization that focus on the issue of human trafficking.

Corazon – “At the heart of Corazón lie notions of community and advocacy. In order for a community to thrive, it must have family support. In order for a family to prosper, it must have community support. The two are intrinsically bound together. The idea of Corazón is to provide a sense of community in which all families within it can help themselves while helping others.” (See Corazon home building video on this site.)

Free The Girls – “We partnering with safe houses and after-care facilities, we provide an opportunity for women rescued from sex trafficking to earn a living selling second-hand clothing while going to school, getting healthy, and caring for their families. Selling clothes allows them to work as much or as little as their school schedule permits. The women in our program receive their starting inventory as a donation, and are then able to buy additional inventory from Free the Girls for below wholesale value to help maintain their competitive edge in the marketplace. Revenue from inventory sales helps subsidize overseas program costs.”

International Reading Association – “Since 1956, IRA has been a nonprofit, global network of individuals and institutions committed to worldwide literacy. More than 53,000 members strong, the Association supports literacy professionals through a wide range of resources, advocacy efforts, volunteerism, and professional development activities. Our members promote high levels of literacy for all by: improving the quality of reading instruction; disseminating research and information about reading; encouraging the lifetime reading habit.” is a light, durable, functional prosthetic hand that is made available to people in need at no charge. Rotary clubs in northern California provided the initial funding for manufacturing LN-4. Rotarians have delivered thousands of prosthetic hands to people around the globe.

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Open World Program - The Rotary Foundation also offers Open World Grants. Rotarians have been participating in this Library of Congress program since it was started in 1989. Open World brings emerging leaders from Russia and countries formerly part of the USSR to the United States to introduce them to participatory democracy. The focus of the intensive weeklong visit can be accountable governance, rule of law, NGO development, and social service, education, or health care. Host clubs are responsible for developing and submitting a program agenda based on a theme, arranging home stays, transportation, and hospitality in general. Two clubs in the district have hosted Open World delegations. Open World projects are time-intensive for a club but low-cost.

Project Amigo – “Project Amigo helps poor children of Colima, Mexico achieve their highest potential by providing programs that motivate them to stay in school; by improving their access to higher education and promoting literacy; and helping with dental care.”

Rise Against Hunger - Rise against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world’s most vulnerable, mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030.

Rotoplast International – “Protoplast International is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) humanitarian organization providing free reconstructive operations and treatment for children in need worldwide.”

Shelter Box USA – “We respond instantly following natural and other disasters by delivering boxes of aid to those who need it most. Each Shelter Box supplies an extended family with a tent and essential equipment to use while they are displaced or homeless.”

Smiles Without Borders – Makes dental treatments and education available to children in developing countries.

Stove Team – A partner organization that establishes factories Central American countries to build simple, energy efficient, and clean-burning stoves to replace “three-stone” fires. Opportunities are available for groups to spend a week in-country helping building stoves and meeting families who will receive the stoves.

Wheel Chair Foundation – “The Wheelchair Foundation is a nonprofit organization leading an international effort to create awareness of the needs and abilities of people with physical disabilities, to promote the joy of giving, create global friendship, and to deliver a wheelchair to every child, teen and adult in the world who needs one, but cannot afford one. For these people, the Wheelchair Foundation delivers Hope, Mobility and Independence.”

Rotarian Action Groups

- A Rotarian Action Group is an autonomous group of Rotarians, family members, and Rotaractors who are experts in a particular field, such as microcredit or water and sanitation. Group members share their expertise by collaborating with clubs and districts on service projects. There are established Rotarian Action Groups for:
 - Blindness Prevention
 - Global Network for Blood Donation
 - Against Child Slavery
 - Dental Volunteers
 - Diabetes
 - Family Health and AIDS Prevention
 - Food Plant Solutions
 - Rotarians for Hearing
 - Alleviation of Hunger and Malnutrition
 - Literacy
 - Rotarians Eliminating Malaria
 - Microfinance and Community Development
 - Multiple Sclerosis Awareness
 - Peace
 - Polio Survivors and Associates
 - Population and Development
 - Water and Sanitation

For more information: <https://www.rotary.org/en/take-action/empower-leaders/join-rotarian-action-group>

4 Way Fest District International Service Chairs

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PROJECT FAIRS

Project fairs are regional events hosted annually by Rotary districts worldwide to encourage international friendship and collaboration on international service projects. They provide an opportunity for a number of Rotary clubs in the host districts to exhibit and offer their projects, and for international visitors to meet local project coordinators to find a project that matches their club's goals and interest. Attendees convene for two to three days to share their interests or concerns, discuss ideas, and establish partnerships.

A project fair is a great place to learn about a whole host of projects and service opportunities and to start building Rotary relationships. You can expect a well-organized event that offers arrangements for hotel accommodations and local transportation. A registration fee is common and may include some meals. Sufficient time is generally available for visitors to meet with the project sponsoring Rotarians and to discuss their projects in detail. Generally this will be in the language of the attendee.

More Information on Project Fairs

For more information: <https://my.rotary.org/en/exchange-ideas/project-fairs>

Want more ideas – check out Rotary Showcase at:

https://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/project_showcase.aspx

Other Opportunities for International Service

Vocational Training Teams and scholarships funded through grants awarded by The Rotary Foundation are other ways that clubs can become involved with international service. Keep in mind district sponsored Global Scholars. The scholars are often interested in developing a service project while overseas. RYE students and their parents are another channel for opening doors and making connections. Group Study Exchange teams, too, can be a source for ideas and contacts. Although participants must cover their own expenses, Rotary also provides a framework for Rotary Friendship Exchanges. RI can help channel funds from clubs for disaster relief, and Rotary's regional program officers and technical-assistance experts are resource people who can be helpful.

Rotary Youth Exchange – Former Rotary International President Karl Wilhelm Stenhammer (2006-7) once said, "If every 7 year old student went on a Rotary Youth Exchange Program there would be no more war in the world." It is the experience of a life-time to be an exchange student – but equally so – to host a student. Make a difference in your life and that of a promising young person in your area and from another country. For more information: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50138/SitePage/new-generations-service>