

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE



Rotary District 7090 2008-2009 Approved Projects Catalogue

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<http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/DxHome/home.aspx?did=7090>

and click on the WCS link.*

Rotary International District 7090



Canada – United States

The “Best of Friends” District

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Greetings fellow Rotarians,

The mandate of the District 7090 World Community Service Committee is to promote and facilitate involvement in international service by our District’s 73 clubs.

The District 7090 World Community Service – approved projects catalogue for 2008-2009 is an awareness tool that highlights ongoing international projects and initiatives in our District. Included in the listings of approved projects is the contact information for each Rotarian leader that is spearheading the project.

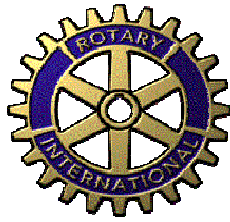
A strong international service presence will add to your club’s program. It may assist with the recruitment of new members and inspire existing members to get involved in our efforts to build international understanding, friendships and world peace through international service projects.

If you have an idea for an international service project that you would like to develop, please contact the World Community Service Committee. Our panel of international development experts will be happy to assist you and your club in the creation, implementation and evaluation of a project, large or small, that will benefit the global village.

Together, we can demonstrate “Service Above Self” through international service!

Yours in Rotary,

**David Johnson, Chair
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**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7090
WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE**

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PURPOSE OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE:

Once a project meets the established criteria, the World Community Service committee will:

- 1) Circulate information about the project to every club in District 7090
- 2) Publish an "Approved Projects" document that will be posted on the District website and will also be distributed to every club
- 3) Encourage Rotarians while traveling to look for worthwhile projects
- 4) Provide assistance with project development and implementation and various grant applications upon request

GUIDELINES FOR INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS:

For a project to be approved by the World Community Service Committee for recommendation to District Council that the sponsoring Club be allowed to solicit from other District clubs, the project should meet the following criteria:

- . Benefit a large number of people
- Be of a self-help nature
- Work at the cause of hunger, poverty, illiteracy, or poor health
- Involve a number of Rotarians in both countries
- Be identified as a Rotary supported project
- Be initiated, controlled and implemented by Rotarians
- Becoming self-sustaining after initial funding has ended

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Afghanistan & Pakistan: Elimination of Illiteracy

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Pakistan and Afghanistan belong to one of the highest illiterate groups in the world. Illiteracy in the region is one of the major hindrances to the peace and establishment of democratic process in the region.

Rotary District 3270 (Pakistan and Afghanistan) has launched a major thrust to eliminate illiteracy. Each club in the district is encouraged to establish literacy centers. These centers are referred as **non-formal schools**. The method of teaching is called “Jugnoo Sabaq.” It is a course developed by **Let’s Literate Pakistan**, with the help of educational psychologists equipped with the knowledge, expertise and dedication for the cause. Rotarians in district 3270 need our support to eliminate illiteracy.

It is a miracle. An absolute illiterate child can read a story and laugh after a very short period of time – JUST THREE MONTHS.



Jugnoo Sabaq is a set of four working books. With these books and the help of a trained teacher, anyone can learn to read and write Urdu (National language) in just three months. In the next three months they can read and write English and in another three months learn to do basic arithmetic. In other words, *in less than a year a complete illiterate person can become literate*. The cost to educate one child is between US\$ 40-50. It includes books, materials and teacher’s salary.

This year the Rotary Club of Brantford, in partnering with RC of Karachi South, opened 25 non-formal schools and eliminated illiteracy among 750 children in the area of Rashidabad.



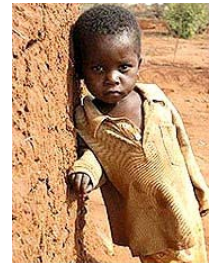
As Rotarians, our club would like to educate 100,000 children over the next 5-7 years. We need the support of all of our clubs in our district. Please contact Sabih Uddin to arrange a presentation to your club as to how you can participate with your World Community Service and Rotary’s objective of eliminating illiteracy to alleviate poverty.

RADAR **(Rotary Action for the Development of AIDS Responses)**



Rotary Action for the Development of AIDS Responses – or RADAR – is the Canadian Rotary initiative to educate and bring awareness relating to HIV/AIDS. The world-wide impact of the AIDS pandemic will be felt everywhere; it is not simply “a problem far away”. RADAR helps provide measurable and successful outcomes for HIV/AIDS related projects throughout the world. RADAR is committed to providing leadership and expanding response to the HIV pandemic by engaging community-based strategies for prevention, care and support for men, women and children infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. RADAR’s vision is to form successful partnerships at community, national and international levels, thereby mobilizing all available resources to effectively empower and enable humanity to reverse the AIDS pandemic.

District 7090’s RADAR committee is currently developing an awareness and education strategy to support this vision. Throughout the 2007-2008 Rotary year, we hope to educate locally about the impact of the AIDS pandemic worldwide and within our own communities. In undertaking this leadership role in the community, RADAR aims to successfully form meaningful partnerships for other Rotary Districts, clubs and corporate partners and to raise awareness of the urgent need for funding of existing local and international grassroots HIV/AIDS programs. We will work in close coordination with the RADAR committees in districts 7070 and 7080. One of the first examples of this will be the promotion of the “Soccer Ball initiative” started by one of the Rotary Clubs in Burlington.



To learn more about **RADAR**, or to book a presentation at your club, please contact one of our District’s RADAR committee members:

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"Save a Child"



Golden Horseshoe Children of Chernobyl

www.childrenofchernobyl.ca



It has been 22 years since the "Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster" dominated the headlines. Today over one million children continue to live in contaminated communities and unprecedented levels of cancer and birth defects receive little attention. In Belarus, continuous exposure to radiation still affects the lives of over 800,000 children. Their future is bleak, yet there is hope.

Each year 56,000 Belarusian children ages 8 through 18 visit 26 host countries for respite care. Unfortunately, families in North America host less than 2% of those children.

Respite is a regimen for improving the health of people exposed to environmental toxins by removing them from the exposure. Long term exposure to nuclear radiation suppresses the immune system and damages cells at the molecular level. The damage contributes to birth defects, cancers, auto-immune and other genetic disorders. These effects compound over time. Respite can reverse those effects, allowing the body to flush through the contaminants and the immune system to rebuild. A child's two or three-month stay in North America provides a healthy respite from their environment during the most dangerous time of the year; the summer. Heat, dryness and summer breezes contribute to the spread of radioactive material. Clean air, pure water and an abundance of uncontaminated food result in a substantial improvement in the children's health and offer them hope for the future.

Golden Horseshoe Children of Chernobyl is a Rotary Sponsored, volunteer administrated, Not For-Profit Charitable Organization serving families in Southern Ontario and Western New York. Our purpose is to facilitate and where possible, fund respite visits to our area for children who live in areas of Belarus that have been subjected to radioactive contamination from the Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster. We also endeavour to provide support to the children's home communities in the areas of education, health improvement and poverty reduction.



To learn more about Golden Horseshoe Children of Chernobyl or to book a presentation at your club; please contact info@childrenofchernobyl.ca or one of our program directors:

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HEALTHCARE FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES IN THE AMAZON RIVER BASIN ("PANDO"/COBIJA REGION, BOLIVIA)

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This project, proposed by the Rotary Club of Cobija, Bolivia, and brought to our attention by Keith Eady, is a non-profit, non-government, non-sectarian effort, designed to support the transportation, medical/dental services and safety needs of poor indigenous tribal villagers who harvest the Brazil nut and live in jungle villages along the shores of the Manuripi, Orthon, & Tahuamanu Rivers (tributaries of the Amazon) in Bolivia. The population (63,200) in this Region, called "Pando" (63,827 km²), live in jungle areas remote from the centers of health. Lack of resources and State attention have resulted in serious illnesses and morbidity that in other areas are easy to resolve. These preventable/treatable diseases (chagas, malaria, cholera, typhoid, yellow & dengue fever, as well as, broken bones, etc.) often end in death due to lack of early treatment and access to a hospital.

The objective of the project is to provide an operating and medically equipped "Hospital" Boat to support the river transportation needs, medical/dental services, general healthcare, and safety needs of the tribal people living in jungle villages. If the "Hospital" Boat (containing waiting & examination rooms, a bedroom, kitchen, bath & toilet) can be provided, the villagers will receive on-going medical/dental and general healthcare services from qualified professionals (doctors/dentists/paramedics) who have volunteered to provide their services by traveling up-river to these villages. This will bring about (1) a reduction in the indices of morbidity and mortality, (2) the ability to help diffuse information on the norms of preventive health to the villagers, (3) establish a protocol for the evacuation of the gravely ill for treatment at a hospital in Cobija, and (4) improve the quality of life within the tribal communities.

At this stage, the project has been approved by the Board, Rotary Club of Niagara Falls, Canada, the District 7090 WCS Committee, and District Council. The Host Rotarians; namely, the current President, Rotary Club of Cobija, Bolivia (C. Juan Villazon Montano) and past-President (Miguel Ruiz Montero), have expressed their enthusiasm for our interest in support of the project, as has the District 4690 Governor (William Torrico Hurtado). The current & past Presidents, have also offered to obtain a suitable "Hospital" Boat built under the supervision of the Commander, Sixth Naval Force, Pando Region (Lt. Commander Alex Sergovia Fernandes) which boat would be maintained, operated and secured by a trained naval crew under the direction of Captain Freddy Pasten Alvarez. Additionally, the Head of the Medical Prefecture, Pando/Cobija Region (Dr. Guillermo Lufti Guerra) has agreed to cooperate with the Rotary Club of Cobija in arranging for local Rotarian medical/dental/paramedic professionals who live in the town of Cobija (Pop. 25,000) to travel up-river to the jungle village communities to deliver the required healthcare services, supply appropriate medications and make the local hospital in Cobija available to the gravely ill who would be evacuated from their jungle villages to the hospital for treatment. Lastly, the Honorable Mayor of the Port City of Puerto Rico, Manuripi Province (Walter Valverde Yanez) has offered the economic support of the Municipality towards the cost of fuel for the boat and food for the crew and volunteer professionals, which would assure continuity of the project after funding is complete.

The total cost of the project is US \$38,000. The Project Committee will have to raise approximately US \$25,000 by soliciting contributions from other clubs in District 7090. A deadline of January 31, 2007 has been set by our Board for raising this amount. The remaining US \$13,000 could be obtained from District 7090 Designated Matching Funds and Rotary International.

Please consider supporting and helping in the healthcare of these indigenous tribal communities, living in the Amazon rainforests of the poorest country in South America, thereby contributing to improvement in the quality of their lives.

If you are interested or would like to hear more about this opportunity, **Contact: Jerry Shankman at 905 468-5243 or Keith Lindberg at 905-351-3990**

RESERVED: Microcredit in Ecuador

Wells and bridges in Ethiopia



An example of the hand dug, hand pumped, well Anti-Malaria Assoc. proposes we finance



- In each rainy season in Ethiopia, rural villagers are forced to navigate deadly rivers in order to access education, markets and health care
- The livestock-based economy contaminates the local water sources. Drinking, cooking and washing water is obtained from the same rivers and streams that livestock are cleansed and watered in. Water-borne illnesses result in hundreds of preventable deaths each year, most of those occurring in children under the age of five.
- Welland and Grand Island Rotary will go club to club raising money for three wells and a bridge in rural Ethiopia.
- Collaboration is with the Finot Rotary Club of Addis Ababa. Total goal: \$35,000

To donate or to arrange a presentation for your club, contact

David Johnson at 714 6-432-9495 (U.S. based clubs) or
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Water, a necessity of life, is the commodity we can't live without, one that over a billion people lack! They lack an adequate source and purity. Hundreds of children in Guatemala die each year from water borne disease. In the department of Izabal in eastern Guatemala, there are 4000 families, about 25,000 people who live daily with the lack of adequate potable water.



It is our intention to provide simple, potable water systems that can provide 20 gallons of clean water per day. This project will not only help prevent water borne disease, but will save the women many hours of labor carrying water.



The prevention of disease will save lives and the cost of medical treatment. It will also provide productive time for the creation of handicrafts that can be sold and thus provide income for families that earn on the average of only \$500.00 per year. It will relieve the need to keep children at home to help with family chores such as carrying water so that they can attend school and themselves become generators of income for the families.

Help save a life through a simple \$50.00 device to purify water!

Contact

Bob Jones for more information on saving lives through water filters. Bob is a retired Veterinarian has been working with the Guatemalan Tomorrow Fund's Project Ak'Tenamit ("New Village") in Guatemala for 11 years. Bob is a Past President of LeRoy Rotary and was a GSE leader to Central America in 1990.

www.guatfund.org

www.aktenamit.org

[Visit Ak'Tenamit \(4 minute video\)](#)

Send e-mail for a 20 minute program DVD on the "Miracle of Ak' Tenamit.

Club meeting speakers are available.

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HAITI – “WATER FOR LIFE”



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Induction Date: 1994

Employment: Retired

Rotary Involvement: 1994 – 2004 Haiti “Water for Life Project”

Past Club Treasurer: Past President

Past Assistant Governor, District 7090

The people of rural Haiti endure an unforgiving climate with torrential rains and months of drought and poverty unmatched in the western hemisphere. Despite many advances in the health care of the Haitian people there still remain many great challenges including childhood malnutrition, typhoid and childhood infections.



Roy first traveled to Haiti in 1995 and on his return decided as a Rotarian that it was time to make a difference in the lives of the Haitian people. With the help and support of his Rotary Club the “Water for Life Project” was started. Since then, many Rotary Clubs, private individuals and churches, have supported Roy in his efforts to provide clean water to the people of the Artibonite Valley. To date 150 wells have been installed in different villages. They are much appreciated by the Haitian people, especially the women and children, who before the installation of a clean water well had to travel miles to reach a water source which was often contaminated.



Roy’s unique sense of humour and his passion for his project and international service make his talk a most enjoyable experience for your club.

Tegucigalpa Honduras: Bus for school children

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Classification: Marketing Consultant



Project: Education

Provision of a bus for transportation of children to continue their education

The bus is for an orphanage that has been working for 29 years with boys from ages 6 until 16, preparing them in primary and secondary schooling. It's located in Tegucigalpa, Honduras and has 85 children. The children live and study in the orphanage el Hogar Amor y Esperanza (Home of Love and Hope).

Honduras, with an over 30% unemployment rate is one of the poorest nations in the Western hemisphere. It depends on international economic assistance. Agriculture is the main employer in this country. Its economic sustainability and growth is based increasingly on export of agricultural products, coffee, bananas, citrus fruits etc.

Some time ago two agricultural schools were opened in the countryside in Amarateca and in Talanga, each some 30 to 60 minutes respectively distant from the capital, Tegucigalpa. These schools are for the children from El Hogar but the children have great difficulty in getting to these schools. The local transport is slow and not direct and sometimes local farm trucks give them a ride, but for youngsters these are high risk situation. These children are the future farm workers and managers readying them self to contribute to the economic wellbeing of the country, but without a bus the likelihood of them receiving the necessary education is problematic.

We have been approached by the Club Rotario Real Minas Tegucigalpa to assist in the delivery of a bus for the school. The Tegucigalpa club will provide shipping from Miami to Honduras and clear all necessary import documentation to clear the bus's arrival. This bus will be utilized for a) secure and regular transportation of the children to and from the agricultural schools in Talanga and Amarateca and b) field trip for all the students within the projects.

Funds raised in District 7090 will be used to purchase a school type bus which will be owned by El Hogar Amor y Esperanza and serviced locally. The school will be responsible for all uses of the bus.

Through years of vocational and volunteer experiences in the Philippines, Nicaragua and Romania, Rotarian Douglas Johnson has developed a keen business sense for sustainable international projects. He has completed 12 projects to date. Doug welcomes the opportunity to present information about this project to your club!

India: Basic Literacy, Adult Education & Micro Credit Lending

Pravin D. Suchak

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Classification: Tax Accounting

Rotary Involvement: Governor 2009-2010

This project gives an opportunity for Clubs in the District to participate in World Community Service with a contribution of as little as \$500. A Club can pick Child Education, Vocational Training or Micro Credit.



Jharkhand is one of the poorest and least developed states in India. The illiteracy rate among the females in the slums and tribal villages in and around the city of Ranchi in the State of Jharkhand is 90%. It is estimated that around 10 to 12 thousand children in slums and tribal villages of Ranchi are deprived of any education, health care and freedom from exploitation and child abuse. As a result, these children, especially females, are either sitting at home helping their parents, taking care of younger siblings or are forced to take up paltry jobs in nearby towns. It is well known that the most effective way to bring about socio economic change is to educate children and women in the community.

Rotary Club of Amherst North has partnered with the Rotary Club of Ranchi, India. The purpose of this program is to provide Non Formal Education to vulnerable children, especially girls that are not currently going to school, provide vocational training to women and to fund a Micro Credit Lending Program.

The program allows the students to develop knowledge, skills and attributes necessary to succeed and advance into the mainstream education system. It also instructs the children on proper health and hygiene. Mid day meal is provided since malnutrition is another major problem in the area. Basic health check-ups and immunization is also done. The school is run by Matrichaya, a reputed Non Government Organization registered under the Society Registration Act XXI of 1860 of India. Besides education for children, the project has been extended to provide vocational training and micro credit lending to economic independence and empowerment of women.



This is a great project that makes a difference in entire villages. The project puts special emphasis on the underprivileged children and poor adults to make them realize their potential and help them to achieve the long term goal of self reliance.

Please call Pravin Suchak at (716) 868-9150. Contributions may be made any time during the year and no contribution is too small. You can choose to help the Basic Literacy or any other programs that Matrichaya is involved in that benefits either the children or adults in the villages.

**SUPPORTING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS THROUGH MEDICAL EDUCATION
PROJECT: BUILDING CAPACITY AND SELF-RELIANCE IN BANDA ACEH,
INDONESIA**



The tsunami of 2004 that struck S.E. Asia caused great devastation in the city of Banda Aceh in Indonesia. It caused the destruction of half of the health centres in the region and resulted in the death of a large number of staff and students at the local medical school.



Dr. Lynda Redwood, a family physician in Hamilton, went to the region to work with the International Red Cross. On her return, she collaborated with Kanwal Shankardass, a member of the Rotary Club of Dundas, the Rotary Club of Dundas, City of Hamilton, McMaster University, Syiah Kuala University in Banda Aceh and the Rotary Club in Banda Aceh to initiate a project to rebuild the medical training capacity at Syiah Kaula University in Banda Aceh.

A generous donation by the City of Hamilton helped complete a needs assessment of the project. The project's goal is to implement changes in the curriculum of the medical school at Syiah Kuala University that will result in improving primary care, maternal and child health and disaster planning. The students and doctors will work at the recently completed Rotary Health Centre which services the outlying impoverished communities.



Drs. Lynda Redwood and Kanwal Shankardass have a slide presentation of the project that illustrates vividly the devastation that occurred and the details of the project that has been accepted by the local communities in Hamilton and Banda Aceh.



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Past President; Chair, WCS

Rotary Involvement: Rotary Projects in Botswana, Ghana, Uganda, Kenya, India, Philippines

ADOPT – A – MINEFIELD

Education and Awareness of the scope of Landmine Challenges and Solutions



Speaker Information

Rod Hollick

Member: Sunrise Club of St. Catharines

Classification: Local Government

Induction Date: 2003

Employment: Consultant - T.R.Endeavours

Rotary Involvement: Director, International Service

Today there are between 45 & 50 million landmines in the ground in approximately 70 countries throughout the world. Landmines don't know when war is over. Landmines don't know the difference between the footsteps of a soldier and those of a civilian. Landmines cannot tell the difference between the footsteps of a soldier and those of a child. Every year landmines maim or kill approximately 15,000 men, women and children. And, we can do something real and specific to reduce, then eliminate unnecessary carnage and horror.

It costs about \$3.00 - \$5.00 to buy a landmine.
[A donation of \\$20 - \\$30 eliminates landmines in a twenty square metre area of a minefield.](#)

Adopt-A-Minefield lets you make a direct impact on this horror by providing funds to de-mine a minefield in the country of your choice. We urge you to consider Afghanistan as Canadian troops are stationed there.

100% of all funds donated to Adopt-A-Minefield are used for mine action projects – there is no administration percentage to dilute your efforts. As sponsors of Rotarians for Mine Action (RFMA) in District 7090, we welcome the opportunity to make a presentation to your club, to help you to raise awareness within your community, and to help you organize a fund-raising event aimed at eradicating mines and minefields forever.

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[We urge every club in District 7090 to sponsor a Night of 1000 dinner event between November 2008 and March 2009 and direct funds to minefields in Afghanistan.](#)



Gift of Life

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Induction Date: 1981

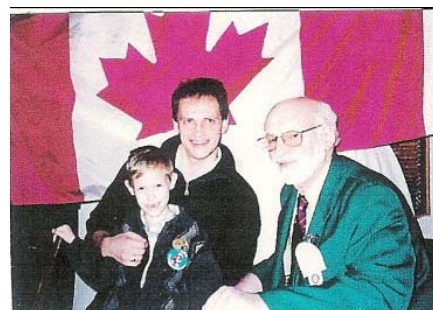
Employment: Retired

Rotary Involvement: 88-91 - District RYLA Chair; 90-92, District Director of Youth Services; 91-92 - Charter President of Hamburg Sunrise Club; 93-94 - District Governor; 94-03 - President, Gift of Life, Inc.; 94-98 - District Polio Plus Chair; 96-97 - District Director of New Generations; 97-06 - RI Zone 28, Coordinator of Polio Plus Partners; 01-02 - RI Zone 28, Coordinator of WCS



The Gift of Life, Inc. of Rotary District 7090 is a humanitarian program of Rotary clubs in Southern Ontario and Western New York to provide life saving open-heart surgery to children from infancy to 21 years of age with congenital heart defects. The program is available to children, regardless of race, color, or national origin, provided that they meet the financial aid criteria. Many of the children come from "third world" underdeveloped countries where the facilities for providing life saving open-heart surgery are non-existent. Without such a program, these children would not have any chance of living beyond their teens.

Networking with Rotary clubs in 164 countries provides the program with potential patients. Through this network, medical records of children are submitted to us for review by the medical teams at the Hospital For Sick Children in Toronto or the Woman's And Children's Hospital of Buffalo, The medical team determines if the child has an operable condition. If the decision is favorable, arrangements are made with the sponsoring Rotary club and medical team in the child's country to bring to Canada or the United States for surgery. The surgeons and medical staff provide their services to the program at no cost. The hospitals charge a minimal cost to cover disposables, medicines, etc., \$5,000 US in Buffalo and \$10,000 CDN in Toronto. While in Canada or the United States, the child and parent, or guardian-escort are housed with a host family or at the Ronald McDonald House when not in the hospital. The length of stay in Canada or the United States is normally 4 to 6 weeks for pre- operative tests, surgery and post-operative follow-up. When the child returns to his or her country, information is provided to the child's physician with recommended follow-up treatment and medication. The sponsoring Rotary club continues to follow-up to insure that the child continues in good health and is able to receive the proper medical treatment and medication. The Gift of Life, Inc. of Rotary District 7090 is a "not for profit" corporation. For tax purposes it is a Canadian registered "Charitable Organization" and in the United States under the "Internal Revenue Code, Section 501 (c) (3)". The operation of the day-to-day affairs of the program is vested in a Board of Directors consisting of 17 Rotary members.



SHELTERBOXES

Emergency disaster relief tool kit



ShelterBox, a unique Rotary-affiliated disaster relief tool, provides long-term shelter and equipment for homeless victims of natural and man-made disasters. Each Box is a kit containing a tent and various additional items such as sleeping bags, cooking equipment and tools to provide emergency housing and essentials for 10 people for at least 6 months. All materials are new, high-quality, and remain the property of the recipients.

This project originated in a British Rotary Club and is administered in the United States by the RC of Lakewood Ranch, Florida (near Sarasota). Requested and distributed by international relief agencies, such as the United Nations and Salvation Army, as well as local Rotary districts in stricken areas, the Boxes are individually funded by Rotary clubs, Interacts, Rotaracts, other local service, church or school organizations, businesses, families and individuals. (Tribute Boxes can honor loved ones). Box sponsors, their Box numbers and disaster destination are listed on the website: www.shelterboxusa.org.

Rotary Club sponsorship of a ShelterBox fills the Presidential Citation award requirements to establish a new international service project.



Over 3000 US-sponsored ShelterBoxes have been distributed; most recently to shelter displaced African war refugees. Almost 30,000 ShelterBoxes have been distributed to disasters in some 31 countries since 2001, including in 2005 alone: 14,000 Boxes to Southeast Asia Tsunami relief; 1200 Boxes to the US Gulf Coast Katrina relief; and 8000 Boxes to Pakistan's Kashmir earthquake victims. Almost ONE-HALF MILLION refugees and homeless have been housed by the ShelterBox program.

Paul Muck, Past President of the RC of Akron-Newstead has recently been appointed District Representative for the ShelterBox program to 7090. Please contact him at 716-542-3500 or email paulmuck@rochester.rr.com for more information or to schedule a club presentation.

Crossroads Springs Institute (CSI), Hamisi, Kenya

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There are currently 1 million AIDS orphans in Kenya. Not only are these vulnerable children among the poorest in the world: hunger, abuse, and neglect haunt them daily. The greatest gift they hope for is education. It is their ticket to productive and gainful employment. Without it, most will live a life of crime or prostitution, just to survive.

Dr. Meshack Isiaho founded The Crossroads Springs Institute (CSI) in 2004 as a primary school and orphan care center in Hamisi, Kenya. It offers nutrition, healthcare, clothing, education and vocational training for 200 students enrolled in pre-K through 6th grade. His mission is to provide a safe and healthy environment with careful handling, and a good education for the orphaned children. Some of them have a parent or a guardian contributing toward \$325 annual cost per child, but most are dependent upon charitable support.



There is an established support pipeline from Western NY for CSI and its orphans through the "Orchard Park Quaker Meeting" and the "Both Your Hands" organizations, led by Alison and Arthur Hyde (East Aurora, NY) and Deb Naybor (Alden, NY). CSI's needs are great and range from kitchen supplies and food, to desks and school supplies, to uniforms, shoes, pajamas and mattresses. Funds are also needed for construction of an additional classroom building, so that the existing building can be used as safe living quarters.

Larry Coon is very proud that the inspiration behind Rotary's involvement on this project came from the tremendous commitment his Interact Club has shown for fundraising and supporting this cause. He is the Rotary liaison for the Kenmore West High School "Both Your Hands Interact Club" and has teamed up with advisor Julian Weber and his wife and co-advisor, Diane Weber. The three of them work together to guide these highly motivated students in their efforts to improve the lives of the orphaned children. At a recent WCS Committee meeting, the club officers presented their hopes for support from the rest of District 7090.



Invite them to speak to your club and see how their passion shines through. Let them meet your Interact Club or your potential members if you do not yet have one.

Learn more at www.crossroadssprings.org

Orphan Support Africa: An Overwhelming Need



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This project addresses not only a sad and increasingly difficult set of realities for children in Africa, but also represents a new model for partnerships---one in which resources can be made available in a timely fashion to emerging community based organizations in Africa that possess a commitment to provide care of their orphans. This partnership brings together Rotary Clubs on four different continents in order to help grassroots communities in Africa to organize and mobilize to serve orphans and vulnerable children in their own communities.



The Mission

The mission of Orphan Support Africa is to assist innovative community based orphan programs---compatible with cultural customs, effective and sustainable---in order to improve the immediate conditions and future prospects of orphans and vulnerable children.



The Objectives

The goal of the Orphan Support Africa is to establish 15 community-based orphan care programs in sub-Saharan Africa by 2008 in order to meet the needs of over 45,000 children who have lost parents to AIDS.

Gondola, Mozambique: Children's Centre for orphaned children due to HIV/AIDS

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Project Vision:

Build a children's centre in Gondola, Mozambique for orphaned children due to HIV/AIDS.

A children's centre may be the only home an orphaned child may have to receive the love and care that every child deserves.

Hands @ Work is an NGO that is based throughout Africa that builds a future for orphaned children left behind from the worst pandemic in the world, HIV/AIDS. They give them hope for the future through teaching age appropriate educational activities.

Hands @ Work does not say it "cares" for an orphan unless they have at least three of the following essential components of care: Shelter and care, protection, educational and vocational training, health care, food and nutritional support, psychosocial support and mental health and economic opportunity/strengthening.

With the support from donations and volunteers, a children's centre is possible. Within this centre the children will be taught everyday skills to succeed, to have fun, learn and grow.

Currently in Gondola there are numerous orphaned children waiting for a secure environment that would provide them with an opportunity to gain skills needed for daily living and a chance for primary and secondary school training.

Working under the guidance of the Welland Rotary club and in partnership with: Hands @ Work, the Rotary club of White River and working hand in hand with both Hands @ Work contacts in White River and Gondola.



Since RYLA 2006 Jen has gained leadership skills and an ability to help others far beyond what she has ever imagined. With your help and support we will be able to make this dream a reality. Jen is more than happy to present information about this project to your club!

"Don't fail to do something just because you can't do everything." Bob Pierce

Himalayan HealthCare
himalayanhealthcare.org

We are a not-for-profit organization that has been helping the rural poor in Nepal since 1992.

Our goal has always been to help the people become self sufficient.

We started with healthcare needs in the remote mountain village of Tipling, and over time _have expanded to other villages and beyond healthcare to include education and income generation.

In April 2004 HHC was happy to open a hospital in the town of Ilam in eastern Nepal, serving forty eight villages in a region of 400,000 people. The Rotary Club of Grand Island developed two matching grants. We cooperated with other grant makers and individual donors. The Ilam clinic provides a full array of medical services previously unavailable in this region including life saving cesarean section and other general surgery. Water hygiene has been a great challenge.



Now through the Grand Island Rotary Club and with the help of collaborating clubs in the US and Nepal we will write a 3H grant to develop a maternal infant health program linked with income generating projects. Much of our work was done during a civil war. We will be happy to visit local clubs and share our experience.

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NIGER, WEST AFRICA WATER MEANS LIFE, HAND DRILLED WATER WELLS IN WEST AFRICA

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Project Vision:

TO DRILL WATER WELLS BY HAND, USING BASIC BUT PROVEN TECHNOLOGY, UTILIZING LOCAL MATERIALS AND LABOR TO PROMOTE IMPROVED HEALTH, SANITATION AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN RURAL NIGER



To the far left is a traditional hand dug well which we replaced with a hand drilled well shown below in blue. The water from this well is shown in the metal bucket. It is polluted and very unhealthy. Yet, it was all the villagers had to drink. This type of water causes chronic diarrhea, dehydration, and may other serious water borne illnesses. Polluted water can also host the Polio virus.



To the left is a hand drilled well completed in just 3 days for a cost of \$2000.00. This well produces vastly improved water, which is clean and healthy. These wells use simple, yet proven technology which is available in even the very poorest places in West Africa.



PHASE 1 of this project is complete. 3 wells have been successfully completed in May and June of 2008. We have created a template for the drilling of more wells and have established the local contacts necessary to expand the project. We are working to raise funds for 10 - 15 more wells to be drilled in 2009. Because the cost of each well is minimal by US and Canadian standards, only \$2000.00 most Rotary Clubs and many club members in District 7090 have the ability to participate in this project and cause a well to be drilled in a rural village in Niger.

Because Niger is a politically stable and relatively safe African country, Rotarians from sponsoring clubs will have the opportunity to travel with Carl and Mary to Niger to inspect and inaugurate their wells, meet local Rotarians, Rotaract and Interact Club members and experience a trip of a lifetime and participate in the miracle of Rotary in action. For more information e-mail us at carlvahlesq@msn.com.

HEARTS GATHERING CHILDREN
Adrie's House of Hope



Imagine life in a world where everyday is a struggle - where you are abused, abandoned and/or left to lie neglected in a backroom.....where no-one loves you! That is what life is like for many South African children! Some are disabled, some HIV+ and some AIDS orphans.



"Informal Settlement" near CapeTown

Now imagine a loving lady picking you up and taking you into her home ~ treating you as a normal child....That is Mama (Maureen) Lumka! In 1995 she began daycare in her home in Nomzamo Township. Her first charge was a 2 week-old baby whose mother was just a



Mama Lumka & her children

school girl! Soon she was looking after more than 50 children. Then she discovered a number of disabled children being left uncared for and campaigned community leaders to provide day care for them. Without transportation, Mama Lumka collected these children in a wheelbarrow fitted with cushions, becoming known as the "Wheelbarrow Saint". The Disabled Children Action Group were impressed with her integrated approach in caring for the children so they assisted her in upgrading and extending her home and provided training for her daycare workers. When her home got too small, a plot of land was donated and the new "Nceduluntu" (meaning to help the community) Educare Centre was opened. Not stopping there, when Mama Lumka heard of two disabled girls (6 & 15) living in the community who were being repeatedly raped and abused by their mothers' friends, she had them removed from the home to live with her.

Thus the beginning of the residential care was born and Mama Lumka and her husband now have 16 such children living with them. All of them have nowhere else to go - and after experiencing life with Mama Lumka, none want to go anywhere else. A number of businessmen in South Africa have realized that Mama Lumka's efforts are ones that need to be supported & enlarged upon. The Nceduluntu Sanctuary Trust Fund has been established and the development of IKHAYALTEMBA VILLAGE has begun. It will consist of 10 residential homes, an Educentre, job creation/training workshops and



"Adrie's House of Hope"

a food garden. Adrie deLaat was an active Rotarian, with a BIG heart, especially for children. We are working with the Rotary Club of Strand and Gordon's Bay in South Africa and have furnished, equipped "Adrie's House of Hope". We are working to provide operating costs to care for, feed and clothe these children living in this home. We know Adrie would be very proud of this project initiated in his memory by his fellow Rotarians in Lincoln and Niagara-on-the-Lake.

For more information on this project please contact:

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Umfundisi



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Chris and Ann Bangham initiated and developed the project “Umfundisi” over the years 2003 - 2004. We personally raised enough money privately and through our own club and other clubs in the district - together with RI Matching Grants it totaled \$50,000 - now being used to train 20-25 pre-school teachers in South Africa to a nationally accredited diploma level. Many of them finished in October 2006, when we returned to see them graduate. This will help secure the early years education of an estimated 900 children, and secure the careers of the teachers involved.



**Chris and Ann with graduate
Mearle Hendricks**



The graduates sing their thanks

Since that memorable time, we have raised funds for a second session, modeled on the first. Twenty-five pre-school teachers have been recruited, and training begins for them at the end of August 2008.

We are also looking to convince and recruit other Rotarians who might be interested in doing their own “Umfundisi”. Because all the spadework has been done, you would only need to spend three or four weeks in South Africa to do the same as we did. We have a template, we have the contacts, (our partner is the Rotary Club of Somerset West near Cape Town) we know how to raise funds using matching grants, and we know the background and the need. We have proposals and reports. All you need to do is to get to beautiful South Africa (and take in a game-park while you are there!)

We would be happy to make a video presentation to your club.

Chris and Ann Bangham

P.S. Umfundisi means ‘teacher’ in both Zulu and Xhosa.

SALAMA SHIELD FOUNDATION

Rotary club
of Hamilton
A.M.

EMPOWERING THE PEOPLE IN LYANTONDE, UGANDA, AFRICA

The Challenge

In 1999, the Salama Shield Foundation, with help from the Rotary Club of Hamilton A.M., began a comprehensive 10-year program, designed to reshape the self-destructive behaviour found amongst the younger residents in the African community of Lyantonde, Uganda. In 2005, a community centre was built, where Ssengas (Aunts) and Kojjas (Uncles) could mentor these vulnerable youth, encouraging them to make life-affirming decisions on a daily basis – focusing on education and self-employment, and avoiding the inherently dangerous local ‘sex trade’. By providing adolescent girls and boys with positive parental influence, the project continues to lower the incidence rates of HIV/Aids, as the youth of the village make better decisions about their futures.

Now, the centre in Lyantonde faces a new challenge. Recently, Uganda has seen a severe deterioration in its power supply. Lyantonde is a rural town, located 3.5 hours south of Kampala. The town’s supply of electricity has dropped from four hours a day to only several hours every 2 or 3 days. This directly impacts the centre and its programs, as our library can not function after sunset, our communication network is weak to non-existent, and our community workshops and training classes are limited to daylight hours.

The Solution

In order to move forward, the centre must become energy independent. We have priced the cost of both diesel and solar energy systems, and compared their respective benefits and drawbacks. Diesel fuel has several cons, as it is not environmentally friendly, and is not always available; future fuel cost is also of great concern.

By comparison, a solar energy system would work well in Uganda, as the country is located at the equator, and can be purchased at a more competitive price than a diesel system. The price of a solar energy system is \$22,000.USD.

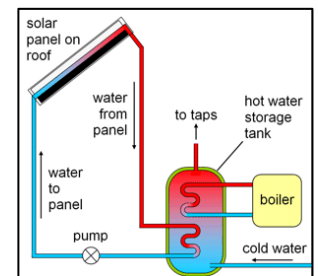
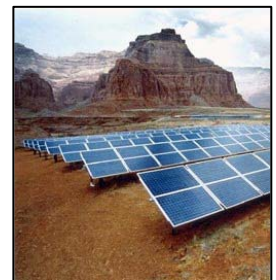
The Impact

A new solar energy system will:

- Provide power for essential equipment, including refrigeration units, telephones,
- computers and fax machines
- Ensure that lighting for security and the library is available 24 hours a day, and
- Guarantee that programs are never again disrupted by a lack of electrical resources.

To date the project has:

- Touched the lives of the 1,800 local community members;
- Enlisted the help of 300 “Aunts and Uncles” to mentor youth;
- Positively influenced more than 900 adolescents, who are involved in the Youth Mentorship Program;
- Recruited 50 small business owners to help provide new job opportunities;
- Involved 200+ youth in New Youth Interventions Program (soccer, drama)
- Employed 250 community volunteers in education training skills enhancement workshops, and
- Encouraged visits from 50+ community members each month, who come voluntarily to be tested for HIV and counseled about AIDS treatment.



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