



Adopt A School Literacy Project



"Once you learn to read,
you will forever be free."

- Fredrick Douglas



As a humanitarian organization, peace is a cornerstone to the Rotary mission. Rotary clubs in 182 countries around the world foster global citizenship through international service projects that build relationships across national borders to address the Rotary official areas of focus:

1. Economic and Community Development
2. Basic Education and Literacy
3. Water and Sanitation
4. Maternal and Child Health
5. Disease Prevention and Treatment
6. Peace and Conflict Prevention/Education
7. Protecting the Environment

ADOPT A SCHOOL LITERACY PROJECT

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Email _____

Yes! I would like to contribute.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt a School | \$1000 x _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt a Class | \$250 x _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor a Child | \$50 x _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donate to Project | \$ _____ |

Total Donation \$ _____



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Literacy in the Dominican Republic

All children need a healthy, stimulating environment to learn. Poverty in the Dominican Republic and especially in rural areas leaves many children at a great disadvantage for developing reading skills. Poor literacy hampers children from advancing to secondary and post-secondary education. A scarcity of books in homes, libraries and schools is a big concern for educators. In this environment the fun of reading is lost, and reading skills essential to learning are absent.

The Everett and Dajabon Rotary Clubs are collaborating to put books in schools and in the hands of children who have no books in their homes. This is combined with training for teachers in best practices for literacy education. The project is a partnership between Rotary and the US Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic. Our goal is to foster a **culture of reading** designed to open new paths to success for vulnerable children.



Project History and Background



The Everett and Dajabon Rotary Clubs have been partnering since 2015 to create solutions to local economic, social, and educational challenges facing low income communities in the Dajabon Province. A **Greenhouse Garden Project** provides microloans to foster entrepreneurship and business development for individuals and their families unable to secure financing through other means. A **Water Project** is designed to solve water shortages for 2000 inhabitants in six remote villages who lack adequate water supply. A **Literacy Project** is focused on providing books and support for teachers to create a culture of reading in their schools.

Everett Rotarians have visited Dajabon for 15 international service engagements for planning and implementing these projects with fellow Dominican Republic Rotarians.

Join the Adopt a School Literacy Project

Join Everett Rotary in supporting the schools and students of Dajabon. Reading is a skill that opens doors for student learning and educational success.

Adopt a school: A \$1,000 contribution funds books for an entire elementary school.

Adopt a Classroom: A \$250 contribution funds books for a class of 15-20 students.

Sponsor a Student: A \$50 contribution funds books for one child.

Your gift will help disadvantaged children develop reading skills essential for success in life. It will provide books for the school, for the students and for the school libraries.

In May 2022 this was a pilot project that provided books to three schools in Dajabon. The photos in the brochure are from this pilot project. Join us as this successful project adds four new schools in 2023.

