



Literacy

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Sharing Your
Inner-City
Expertise with
a Community in
Need



Rotary Club of Edmonton in Belize

Why Southside Belize City?

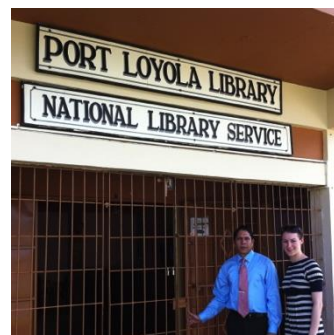
Home to 27,000 people, Southside Belize City is a community at a turning point:

- Highest Poverty Levels
- Lowest Literacy Rates
- Dysfunctional School Latrines
- Lack of Classroom Books
- Unusable School Libraries
- Little to no civic infrastructure to foster Community
- Adults who lack basic skills to find meaningful employment
- Lack of early childhood development supports for parents and children

With your support and involvement, we can help tilt this community away from dysfunction toward development and prosperity.

LWB History in Belize

- Collaboration with District 5370 Belize Literacy Program & Playground Committee (2010 to Present)
- National training in Foundations of Literacy, Rhymes That Bind and Computer Literacy Programming (June, 2012)
- Computer Assisted Literacy Program site installations (Feb-May 2013)
- Regular CALS Trainings and Site Visits (Feb – May 2013)



Project Elements

Rebuild Libraries & Provide Classroom Resources

- Deliver 100 Classroom Libraries to students and teachers in schools most in need to foster literacy development.
- Renovate and restock the Central Library in 3 Southside Belize City schools to improve reading levels.



Provide Access to Effective Literacy Programs

- Establish 5 Permanent Sites for the Computer Assisted Literacy Program to help children and adults improve learn to read and improve their math skills.
- Offer Rhymes That Bind Parent and Child Learning Program to over 2,400 parents and children.



Improve Water & Sanitation for Children

- Renovate or Rebuild 2 school latrines to foster healthier schools, better learning and to prevent diseases and their transmission



Revitalize Infrastructure to Foster Community

- Build 4 Playgrounds to foster community and to provide a place for children to be children.
- Build a Rotary of Edmonton Park to provide a welcoming environment for citizens of Southside Belize City.



Partners

In Belize, the project partners include the Rotary Club of Belize City, the Rotary Club of Belize Sunrise, RESTORE Belize, the Ministry of Education Youth and Sport, and the Literacy Unit of MOEYS. In Edmonton, we are partnering with the District 5370 Playground Committee, the District 5370 Belize Literacy Program and the Adopt-A-School Initiative.



Your Active Participation is Critical

A project of this scope requires hands-on participation of Rotarians from Edmonton and Belize, as well as their families to make a lasting difference. As such, we will plan a number of themed workweeks in each year of this three-year project. If you can read a book, plant a tree or want to get build playgrounds or a park, you can help! A sample calendar of 2 months in 2014 follows:

October							November/December						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	26	27	28	29	30	28
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30	1	2	3	4	5

 Arrival/Departure	 Building Week (Park, Latrine)
 Free Time - Islands, Interior	 Literacy Week (Libraries, CALS)

Why support this project?

- Your Club's \$50,000 will become more than \$400,000 on the ground.
- District 5370 and your Club have a long track record in Belize.
- Travel from Edmonton to Belize in only 8 – 9 hours.
- It is a sustainable project that will help improve the lives of thousands of people.
- Belize is an English-Speaking country.
- The project elements enable Rotarians and family members of all ages and abilities to participate in the project.



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Working Together

Project Element	People Benefitting	Budget
100 Classroom Libraries	3,500 per year	\$74,500
3 Central School Libraries	3,500 per year	\$45,000
5 Permanent Sites of the Computer Assisted Literacy Program	2,500 per year	\$80,500
10 Rhymes that Bind Program Sites	2,400 per year	\$37,000
2 School Latrines	1,500 per year	\$80,000
4 Playgrounds	3,200 per year	\$43,000
A Rotary Club of Edmonton Park	5,000 per year	\$49,000
TOTALS	21,600	\$409,000

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“This partnership with the Rotary Club of Edmonton can really help to turn things around in Southside Belize.”

- Lynn Young, President-Elect,
Rotary Club of Belize City