

Scholarships Make a Difference in Enabling Honduran Students Graduate

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Kelowna Sunrise members have been sponsoring scholarships for students in Honduras through HELP Honduras for many years. As a result, these students are enjoying successful educational experiences and outcomes. It is expected that the financial support of 15 of the club's members will provide similar success for 24 students for the next year.



During Covid, only 11 students who had been receiving aid through scholarships actually quit the program. This is a testament to HELP Honduras, its staff and the support that was provided through the use of cellphones, chargers, tutoring, and extra supplies made available to the students through the scholarship program. Twenty-six students graduated from high school and another six from university.

A recent meeting in March between representatives of the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise and the staff from AyO Honduras, Rotarian Don Kaminsky and HELP Honduras, clarified how much Covid had impacted the education of many students Honduras over the past two years. Due to a lack of water, health and wellness services and other basic needs, only about one third of Honduran students have returned to continue their education for the current year.

It is anticipated that more funds will be directed toward education in the future, considering that changes have come about politically in the country.