

Destitute Children in Honduras to Receive Much Needed Care

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The Early Childhood Stimulation program for children In Tegucigalpa, Honduras, became a reality with the Rotary Foundation's approval of a global grant funding application on March 13th, 2014. The application, submitted by the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise in early January, will fund a program which will provide Early Childhood Stimulation (ECS) activities and treatments for the most vulnerable children from 0-5 years whose parents work in the public markets and city dumps. Well over 200 children will receive health care treatment, be assessed for their language proficiency, motor skills, cognitive abilities and social interaction skills, and be the beneficiaries of disease prevention.



Children living in these squalor conditions may soon have hope thanks to District 5060 Rotarians

Additionally, the project will provide early childhood development knowledge and skills for mothers that will empower them to enhance their children's ability to succeed in their future education opportunities.

It is clear that children in this project will be more likely to succeed in school and to receive improved educational opportunities to enable them to escape the poverty and crime cycles they would otherwise

face. Currently, many of the children of the parents working in the public markets and city dumps end up in gangs and criminal activity.

The project is being funded with financial commitments of \$7,500 from the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise, \$4,500 from the Rotary Club of Kelowna Ogoogo, \$1,000 from the Rotary Club of Lake Country, \$500 from the Rotary Club of Westbank and \$500 from the Rotary Club of Tegucigalpa in Honduras. District 5060, through its District Designated Fund, will contribute \$19,000; while the Rotary Foundation will match funding to a total of \$24,040. The project, for a total of \$57,040, will be implemented throughout the 2014-15 Rotary year.

Kelowna Sunrise club member and member of the club's International Sub-Committee, Greig McPhee, has been spearheading this project and has completed a great deal of the planning and application development.