Club Supports Efforts to Curb Out-migration of Honduran Youth

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In August of 2022, the RC Kelowna Sunrise contributed \$2000 for an International project in Honduras organized and implemented by the RC of Victoria Harbourside.

With access to The Rotary Foundation Global Grants and through partnering with Alternativas Y Oportunidades (AYO), a Honduran NGO controlled by Rotarians from four Rotary clubs in Tegucigalpa, the club provided a business and economic training for youth. Over one hundred 18 to 35 year olds participated in the program throughout 2022-23.



Every day 1000 people, mostly young people, leave Honduras and join the migration north which often does not end well.

This program equips them with employment and leadership skills to give them reasons to stay. The training program clarifies the long-term impacts associated with irregular outmigration, on the one hand, and kindles students' career aspirations in Honduras, on the other. Its message makes the case that the young people's safest, most promising future lies not in the American Dream, but in the Honduran Reality, which is remaining in school and achieving training to secure a rewarding career.