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**Polio is a highly infectious disease that invades the nervous**

**System and can lead to total paralysis in a matter of hours.**

**The virus is transmitted from person to person, there is no cure for polio, and it can only be prevented with the polio vaccine.**

**Polio mainly affects children under the age of 5, since 1988 polio cases have decreased by 99%, from** a**n estimated 350,000 cases to 31 reported cases as of Oct 21, 2016.**

* **27 Cases of wild poliovirus**
* **4 Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV)**

**As long as a single child remains infected all children are at risk of contracting polio.**

**Polio is down to 3 countries Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria. After 2 years of being polio free Nigeria reported 2 cases.**

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**Rotary has contributed more than 1.5 billion dollars and countless volunteer hours to fight polio.**

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