

The Rotary Story



Rotary is a worldwide service organization of 1.2 million members serving communities locally and globally.

Rotary's Local Regina Focus



Canadian Mental Health Association Regina Branch

A key program supported by the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview.

This volunteer-based organization supports, promotes and enhances the mental health and wellbeing of all members of the community. Each weekday in Regina CMHA clients come to the centre seeking help to meet challenges in their daily living. They come for counselling, for structured programs, for socializing, and for a noon meal. We have partnered with the Regina Branch of CMHA to improve their centre and enable enhanced programming.



Chili For Children – The Rotary Club of Regina Eastview makes a cash donation to assist in serving lunches to elementary students in North Central Regina.

Literacy – Our Club has partnered with the Regina Public Library in their projects to provide reading materials and tutoring to the families of newcomers to Canada. We also provided the funds for five community bookshelves to make library books and resources more available to residents who find it difficult to get to the library branches.



Regina Education & Action on Child Hunger

Regina Education & Action on Child Hunger (REACH) is a nonprofit, charitable organization that is dedicated to ensuring every single child in Regina has enough safe and nutritious food to eat.

Sam Berg, Chair of the Community Services Committee at the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview is giving Matt Leisle, Executive Director at REACH a cheque to support their efforts to provide food for hungry children in Regina.



Preparing backpacks for children needing school supplies ... In 2022, The Salvation Army provided 1,000 backpacks for Regina children needing school supplies. The Rotary Clubs of Regina, Regina Eastview and Regina Oskaya all came together to support this project by packing all 1,000 backpacks in one incredible evening of service to the community and Rotary fellowship.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is traditionally a one-week camp for junior youth and a one-week camp for senior youth. They come out of that experience with amazing increased self-confidence and a positive attitude towards others. This past year RYLA was very well-attended, and participants are anxious to return again.

Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) is held annually in late April/early May. We hope to choose one or two teams again this year. Teams are chosen from Regina high schools. They prepare to represent a specific country to debate current issues of that country as in a United Nations setting. This is a great learning exercise in world affairs, presentation skills, and diplomacy. Our Club is committed to the development and building of young citizens with a global perspective.

Thank You... for working with us to make a difference in the lives of the individuals and families who benefit from Rotary services and programs supported by your generosity.

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Each of our 34,823 clubs in over 200 countries work to identify opportunities to live our motto of "Service Above Self".

Rotary's Global Focus

There are four active Rotary Clubs in Regina providing life-changing services. **Rotary supports** many local programs and groups. Internationally we offer youth exchange programs, education and literacy programs, initiatives for water and sanitation, disaster relief, disease control, and economic development as well as conflict resolution and peace alternatives and opportunities. Rotary has just added a 7th area of focus – Environmental Sustainability. We strive to make our world a healthy place for all life to live.



Fighting Disease
- Eradicating Polio

The worldwide eradication of Polio

has been Rotary's focus since 1985. Rotary has partnered with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the US Center for Disease Control, and more recently the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in this global program to rid the world of this crippling disease. **We are so very close to success – to the time when no one will ever contract polio again!**

The Ripple Effect Program is one of our special programs. It is a Basic Education and Literacy program in Guatemala, which includes building or renewing school infrastructure, including washrooms and kitchens, and providing furniture, supplies, computers and playgrounds, focusing on the primary grades.

The Ripple Effect Scholarship Fund encourages Guatemalan students to attend middle school and high school. A Teachers' Scholarship program helps teachers to upgrade their skills and knowledge to provide enhanced teaching learning outcomes.

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POWERFUL IMPACT: We are often asked what impact the Ripple Effect Program is having on the children and on their communities. It is amazing how quickly positive change has happened. At the start of the program most teachers only had high school level education. However, our liaison with the Guatemalan Dept. of Education has resulted in a commitment to provide qualified teachers in each school we build. Now most teachers are university trained educators. Since 1999, the Canadian Ripple Effect Program has built or refurbished over 95 schools, awarded over 550 middle school and high school scholarships, directly benefitted over 25,000 students and invested over \$3,000,000.00 in education in Guatemala.

As a result of the enhanced quality of education, the number of students, particularly female students, has risen sharply. The high quality of education has also resulted in academic success as well as enhanced employment opportunities to graduating young people.

FOCUSED ACTION: The changes made by taking focused action has truly created positive ripples in every receptive community in which we built a school. The positive impact has become more evident every year. Rotarians in Guatemala are now raising funds and donating to projects. Guatemalan companies are jumping on board, the government is looking to help any way they can, the municipalities and communities are stepping in to offer skilled and unskilled labour, as well as materials and equipment to help. They are making access to rural schools easier by repairing roads and are improving drainage near schools.

WE NEED YOUR HELP: With your help, we are making positive change happen! Education is the right of every child. Join us in making a long-term positive difference in the future success of children and their communities in Guatemala.

TO LEARN MORE about the Rotary Club of Regina Eastview, to become a member, or to contribute to our local or international programs, call President Jeff Barber at 639-571-9822 or call a friend or family member who is a member of Rotary.

