

# What is the Burlington Sunrise Rotary Club?

Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The **Burlington Sunrise Rotary Club** was founded in 2002 and includes business people from throughout the area who have strived to support a number of charitable and community causes during our young existence. A few of these worthwhile projects have included...

## Spectrum Youth Shelter (*Pearl Street, Burlington*)

The purpose of the Spectrum shelter is to provide homeless adolescents with an attractive, comfortable environment staffed by caring professionals. While at the shelter, youths participate in programs such as mental health counseling, drug & alcohol counseling, employment counseling, and permanent housing solutions. The Rotary's involvement has included contributions of time, labor and finances to upgrade the facilities at the center.

## Forever Young Tree House (*Oakledge Park, Burlington*)

The Forever Young Treehouse group is a nonprofit organization that creates tree houses for everyone to enjoy, including children and adults with physical disabilities. Long ramps allow people to enter the tree houses without climbing a single branch. Our Rotary club was supportive of the project via a substantial financial contribution along with a day of hands-on outdoor activity in which we cleared the area for the construction of the tree house.

## Adopt-a-Family Christmas Project (*Champlain College, Burlington*)

Our club works with Champlain College each holiday season to identify a single-parent family needing assistance during the holiday season. We have "adopted" a family each season by providing holiday gifts for the children of the family as well as special treats for the parent, who may not otherwise be able to enjoy small luxuries.

## Holiday Wreath Making (*Burlington*)

Burlington Sunrise has worked to bring a bit of extra cheer to Meals on Wheels recipients during the holiday season by constructing holiday wreaths to be delivered along with meals prior to the holidays.

## Rotary International Projects (*Worldwide*)

**PolioPlus:** The Burlington Sunrise Rotary regularly contributes to the "PolioPlus" program, Rotary International's massive worldwide effort to eradicate polio from the world by 2005. It was launched in 1985 to immunize the developing world's children, and by 2005, Rotarians' contributions to the effort will exceed \$500 million and hundreds of thousands of volunteers at local levels.

**Soy Plant Project:** The Burlington Sunrise Rotary Club has provided funds and worked jointly with a Rotary Club in Bogota to assist in building a soy plant in a rural area of Columbia. The project will support parental employment and provide for improved family nutrition in the region.

**\*\* Future projects and programs for the Burlington Sunrise Rotary Club will include partnerships with Habitat for Humanity, creation of Thanksgiving baskets for the needy, and work with the local foundation fighting ALS, or Lou Gherig's Disease.**

**We thank you for your support in forwarding Rotary's mission in the local community! \*\***