## **Invitation to Participate**

## **Emerging Leaders**

## **World Community Service Project**



At the upcoming Motor City Zone Institute, our Emerging Leaders class will have the opportunity to participate in a Rotary World Community Service Project. The project is easy and with a little effort we can make a huge difference in the lives of needy children around the world!

Central Pennsylvania-based "Father's Hope" was formed in 2012 to provide support, comfort and share some love with orphans and children in need. Their main focus is to collect fun things and items of comfort, such as small stuffed animals, coloring books, crayons and jump ropes. The items are shipped or personally delivered to orphanages around the world. This 501c3 organization is a favorite cause of PDG Karen Teichman, Coordinator of Emerging Leaders. It was founded by a friend and local newspaper reporter, Kevin Mertz. After volunteering on a church mission trip, Kevin found a remarkable way, as a young, single professional, to put a smile on the face of an orphan and alleviate some of the stress and anxiety from their everyday life... through this simple act of kindness.

The support that "Father's Hope" has received since its founding in 2012 has been incredible! Just like this **Emerging Leaders** World Community Service Project, a number of organizations, schools, churches and individuals have become involved and support this mission... something so easy makes such a difference. Donating a stuffed animal, coloring book and crayons will make a child's life just a little happier.

The lives of nearly 18,000 orphans and children in Brazil, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Fiji, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, India, Latvia, Mexico, Nicaragua, the Philippines, Uganda, Ukraine and the United States have been touched to date! Please, won't you join the Emerging Leaders class, by bringing a small to medium sized stuffed animal to our program... and sharing some kindness and love with an orphan?

If you are able to participate, a large collection box and a poster display will be set up near the Emerging Leaders entrance. If you have any questions, please email Karen at pdgkaren@yahoo.com. *Thank you and see you soon!* 

