

# SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH.



Worldwide, 67 million children have no access to education, and more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Rotary supports educational projects that provide technology, teacher training, vocational training teams, student meal programs, and low-cost textbooks to communities. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy

Literacy is at the heart of basic education for all, and essential for eradicating poverty, reducing child mortality, curbing population growth, achieving gender equality and ensuring sustainable development, peace and democracy. Literacy is a significant and specific goal for Rotary. It is so important that it is one of the 6 areas of focus for The Rotary Foundations Future Vision – basic education and literacy.

The clubs in district 6040 are active in, and should be proud of, their work in the area of literacy. Examples of projects both locally and internationally include:

- The Dictionary Project – presenting dictionaries to students in public or private school
- Reading at local schools and events;
- Participating in literacy fundraisers;
- Donating books to public libraries and schools;

*“There are many little ways to enlarge your child’s world. Love of books is the best of all.” –Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis*