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February 2, 2021

RE: 2021-2022 Exchange Year

It is with a heavy heart that I announce Central States Rotary Youth Exchange is cancelling our 2021-2022 Long Term Exchange Program. The member Districts of CSRYE had hoped our program would resume in 2021, but after much consideration, we must postpone to protect the welfare of our students and volunteers.

Rotary Youth Exchange has long been the premier exchange program around the world. The benefits are numerous including the sharing of languages and culture across the globe, promoting youth leadership, and understanding of other countries, lifelong international friendships, and peace.

The member Districts remain committed to the exchange program and hope to resume exchanges as soon as possible. During the upcoming months we will continue to monitor the impact of COVID-19. Exchanges may begin in January 2022, if the threat of COVID-19 is reduced to an acceptable level.

It is our hope that our program will return stronger than ever with a full program starting the fall of 2022. The commitment to our trading partners, Rotary clubs, students, parents, host families and the many volunteers will not waver, but return with new enthusiasm.

We wish to thank all those who have worked so hard to make CSRYE a great program. Your countless hours of giving to both the students, and program have not gone unnoticed. This has been a challenging time for us all and has shown the value of the family of Rotary to weather any storm.

Yours in Rotary,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent Sheppard".

Brent Sheppard, Chair
Central States Rotary Youth Exchange

