

ROTARY LEADERSHIP SERIES

The Rotary Leadership Series is designed for the members of the nine La Crosse-Area Rotary Clubs. Members may invite guests.

Registration is required to attend, guests must provide their email address.

TO REGISTER:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcq-c-mhrTgjG9UG8c5AJcuXsWPPMrwwJEYg>



**THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 11
7-8am**

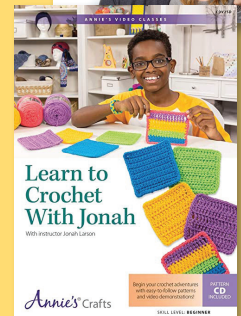


**Making art, being
mindful, giving back:
Do what makes
you happy!**



JONAH LARSON is a 12-year old crochet prodigy from La Crosse. His infectious enthusiasm and commitment to giving back have earned him a worldwide following. His story has been featured in hundreds of articles including in the *New York Times*, *The Times of London*, *Forbes*, *Oprah Magazine*, *People* and *USA Today*. He has appeared on the *Today Show*, *Little Big Shots* with *Melissa McCarthy*, *The Kelly Clarkson Show* and *Pickler & Ben* to name a few. Larson most recently landed a position as a regular correspondent on *The Drew Barrymore Show* beginning Sept. 14, 2020.

At age 11, Larson authored his first book, *Hello, Crochet Friends!: Making Art, Being Mindful, Giving Back: Do What Makes You Happy*. His second book, *Giving Back Crochet—Jonah Larson* was released June 2020. Larson is most proud of his philanthropic work and has funded his first Jonah's Hands Library in Ethiopia in the rural village where he was born. He also built those same children a science lab. He is raising money to fill the science lab with the equipment it needs. Larson speaks nationally about doing what makes you happy and the importance of inclusivity. He has won hundreds of awards for his crochet pieces and designs; often selling these items to raise money for his philanthropic work in his community. Larson started his own business, *Jonah's Hands, LLC*, at age 11. On his website, he features tutorials teaching others to learn crochet. His most famous phrase is, "Crochet brings the world together one stitch at a time."



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