Date: No. 8 International Service

Dear (First Name)

As a worldwide organization, we have the unique opportunity to connect with leaders from all continents, cultures and occupations. We undertake projects designed to assist those in any country and to participate in programs that advance international understanding, goodwill and peace. This sounds like quite a tall order, but with our network of over 34,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographic areas and over 1.2 million Rotarians in the world…anything is possible!

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The 6 Areas of Focus are:

* Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
* Disease prevention and treatment
* Water and sanitation
* Maternal and child health
* Basic education and literacy
* Economic and community development

Rotary grants offer opportunities to initiate and support global as well as smaller international grants, Vocational Training Teams, scholarships and Rotary Peace Fellowships. We look to our partner clubs to tell us what their community’s greatest needs are, exchange ideas and then take action to address them.

Beyond service to others, Rotary offers each of us the ability to connect with people from all parts of the world … through the International Convention, Friendship exchanges and a wide variety of opportunities that give us the change to know other Rotarians around the world. When traveling, you can visit Rotary clubs anywhere, and you will be welcomed … because you wear the Rotary pin.

And wherever we are, we wear our Rotary pin. It says:

I am dependable.

 I am reliable.

 I am available.

 And I give more than I take.

Yours in Rotary Service,