Date: No. 9 Youth Service

Dear (First Name)

Our newest Avenue of Service came about in 2010. Initially called “New Generations,” its name was changed to Youth Service in 2013. This avenue of service recognizes the positive change that interacting with youth and young adults brings to our organization and mutually to them. Leadership is an essential aspect of Rotary, and we offer programs to help emerging leaders strengthen their leadership skills, serve their communities, increase their world understanding, build friendships, and more.

Interact is a club for youth ages 12-18 who want to connect with others in their community or school. Interact club members have fun while carrying out service projects and learning about the world. Interact clubs organize at least two service projects a year, one that benefits their community and one that encourages international understanding. While Interact club members receive guidance from a Rotary club, they govern and support themselves.

Rotaract clubs bring together young adults between the age of 18 to 30 in universities and communities around the world to organize service activities, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun.

Other opportunities to serve youth include reading to elementary school children and “partnering” with XXX Elementary School, or the Dictionary Project, where our club members personally deliver dictionaries to every 3rd grader in our community. We also sponsor leadership and ethics training programs for 8th grade students and high school juniors through RYLA, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. (Fill in the specifics of your own club in this paragraph)

Hosting one of our Rotary Youth Exchange students is a wonderful way to bring the internationality of Rotary into our own homes, allowing our children the chance to learn about another culture without leaving home. The relationships formed through Rotary Youth Exchange often last a lifetime, with our members maintaining contact with their exchange sons or daughters long after the exchange is completed. We also send our own youth abroad through this well established program supported by Rotarians around the world.

Our five Avenues of Service provide many opportunities to take action in creating positive change in our community. We ask that you contact one of our committee chairs to join a committee. Please see your mentor or me if you would like to discuss which committee would be the best fit for you. Also, consider how your family members or friends may want to know more about the wonderful youth programs offered by Rotary.

Yours in Rotary Service,