



Volunteer!

Get involved through Rotaract

You have the power to help people in your community and around the globe. As a volunteer, *you can make a difference.*

HELP OTHERS: “Volunteering will improve things for each and every one of us. It feels good to help those that are less fortunate and give them the opportunity to improve their situation.” — Suzanne Wetzel, Rotaract Club of New York, New York, USA

HAVE FUN: “There are people your own age with different life experiences, and it is a great opportunity to be exposed to people, ideas, and opportunities you never thought you would be.” — Cindy LaGreca, Rotaract Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS: “It helps in my overall development, and at the same time I get the pleasure of serving community, making it a better and more enjoyable place to live in for everyone.” — Vaneeta Kaur Grover, Rotaract Club of Hamilton-McMaster, Ontario, Canada

GET ACTIVE: “This is a way to learn more about the needs of a city this size and really make a difference.” — Jamie Sundquist, Rotaract Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA

GET CONNECTED: “I have gained friendships all over the world, professional contacts, and the possibility to serve my community and enrich my social and leadership skills.” — Oliver Lange, Rotaract Club of Offenburg, Germany

What Is Rotaract?

- Rotaract is an international program of Rotary International for young professionals ages 18 to 30 who want to make a difference.
- There are 163,000 members of some 7,088 Rotaract clubs in 151 countries.
- Rotaract clubs conduct meetings, usually every two weeks. Rotaractors use their weekends for service projects, social events, and workshops.
- Rotaractors work hard, but they believe in having a good time. They hold barbecues, car rallies, camping trips, dances, cultural events, and more!

Rotaract Activities

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Rotaractors carry out at least one community service project per year, to improve the lives of people around them.

The Rotaract Club of Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo, local Rotary clubs, devised a project to immunize children with polio, a crippling disease. The Rotaractors immunized over 15,000 children in three months.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE: Rotaractors learn more about other cultures by performing at least one international service project each year.

The Rotaract Club at the United Nations helped children at home and abroad by adopting an orphanage in Haiti and a soup kitchen in East Harlem, New York, USA. Rotaractors helped build a library for the Haitian orphans, stocked it with 700 books, and raised funds for clothes and toys. They also held events and outings for children at the soup kitchen.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: Rotaract builds leaders, and leaders build strong clubs with effective programs. These leaders organize and promote their Rotaract clubs.

The Rotaract Club of Paraiso, in the southern Philippines, created a health, literacy, and publicity project for 300 residents of an impoverished community. The Rotaractors offered free medical and dental exams, and counseling. They received national media coverage.

Rotaract Goals

- Recognize, practice, and promote ethical standards such as leadership qualities and vocational responsibilities, while developing professional and leadership skills.
- Learn about the needs and opportunities of local and global communities.
- Serve the community and promote international understanding and goodwill.

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