

## **Long Grove, Kildeer, Hawthorne Woods Rotary Club**

### **International Service Program 2017-18**

The LGKHW Rotary Club will participate in two international service activities during this Rotary Year.

#### **The first program is the initiation of a Global Grant that will take place in Mumbai India.**

##### Project Overview:

Support education for pre-primary and primary children in the slums of Mumbai and Thane and in the bordering villages. Work with tribal women through self-help groups to promote micro-finance and employment generation.

##### Areas of Focus:

Basic Education and Literacy  
Economic and Community Development.

##### Organization we will work with:

REAP--Reach Education Action program

For the last 17 years REAP took literacy to the doorstep of the poor wherever they could find them and provided opportunities for learning. Their Philosophy: "where the poor are, there we should be". This is a school "without a wall", concept as most classes are held in the open, under trees, or in make-shift sheds thus making education accessible to the most marginalized. This is a mass campaign for the eradication of literacy.

The focus has been to bring in out-of-school children within mainstream schooling through a non-formal education program. The campaign has included over 5000 children annually from the streets, slums, rag pickers, child laborers, tribal children. Thousands of children have been weaned away from day labor and mainstreamed in formal schooling and thousands more have been prevented from dropping out due to on-going support systems.

This global is a project of the following clubs:

Sponsor Club: RC of Long Grove/Kildeer/Hawthorn Woods

Host Club: RC of Mumbai Lakers.

The second program is the annual Dental Mission.

The Dental Mission is hands on international medical mission that has operated twenty-two missions over the last 24 years in the Caribbean and Central and South America. Originally founded by Rotary Clubs in Denver, LGKHW has participated with funding and volunteers for the last eighteen missions. The project continues to be a coordinated effort of Colorado based clubs and LGKHW which also includes district grant funding either by D5450 or D6440 which partially offsets the total costs, the balance of which are paid by the clubs. During its full tenure, this program in cooperation with local host clubs has delivered free dental care to more than 9000 of the poorest of the poor valued at more than US\$ 2 million. Three members of the team have been awarded by the Service Above Self award by the RI Board.