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Rotary  **Rotary's Vision Statement**

TOGETHER WE SEE A WORLD
 WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION
 TO **CREATE** LASTING
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE
 IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES

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Rotary  **5 Avenues of Service**

Youth Service **Community Service** **Club Service**
International Service **Vocational Service**

Rotary  **Club of Greer SC**

International Service exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and much more.

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Over 1.4 million Rotarians Worldwide (400 000 in North America (<1/3))

Rotary Foundation spends about \$350 million annually
(Polio, Global and District Grants, Disaster Response,
Peace Centers)

It is estimated that club level spending is about \$300
million per year.

Rotary members contribute about 47 million volunteer
hours annually with a value of about \$850 million.

~\$1.5 Billion



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Rotary Funds

About **50%** of the funds raised globally by Rotary
International come **from North America**. Only
about **10 to 15%** stays in North America.

At a **club level**, it is estimated that North American
clubs raise about **60% to 70% of the global funds**
(outside of Rotary International)*.

Combined, it is estimated that **50%** of the
money raised under the name of Rotary is
spent in North America*.

* Info from AI assisted research and should be treated as estimates.



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Self = Me...My Club...My District...My Country...
Rotary International



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Dollar Impact: Infrastructure

Building a playground in
Niagara would cost \$50 000
to \$250 000

Building a playground
in Developing Countries
would cost \$15 000 to
\$60 000



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Dollar Impact: Health

Saving a life in Niagara can cost the system hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Preventing the loss of a life in a developing country can be a fraction of that.

- Malaria Prevention
- Vitamin Supplements
- Vaccinations
- Health Clinics



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Dollar Impact: Education

Building a classroom in Niagara can cost \$250 000 to \$500 000.

The cost of building a classroom in a developing country can be \$5 000 to \$10 000



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ROI – Return on Involvement

1. **Membership Attraction** – Will build diversity and younger professionals into the club who want to have a Global Impact. New residents to the country who want to make a difference in their country of origin.
2. **Fellowship** – Expands friendships, increases professional reach, opens opportunities, allows accomplishments to be shared and celebrated.
3. **Personal Growth** – See the world through a new lens and feeling more connected and understanding of global issues. Expanding your professional influence. Become more culturally aware of others. Setting an example to be followed.



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District International Service Committee

Acts as a hub to connect and facilitate all aspects of International Service.

Primary contact between the district leadership, club International Service Chairs, and Rotary International for international service matters.

Coordinate resources, promote projects, and support individual club efforts with guidance from the District Governor and in partnership with the District Rotary Foundation Committee.

They maintain a DRN (District Resource Network) of Rotarians, alumni, and other partners with expertise in Rotary's areas of focus, grants, and project management.



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WHERE DO I START?

Engage with your club International Service Chair and encourage them to connect with DISC

Rotary Service Project Centre
<https://spc.rotary.org/>

View projects (over 140 000)
 Find Projects that are looking for support and connect with them!

Access information about Grants
 Access training modules

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What International Service Activities are you or your Club Involved in Now?

- Polio Eradication (PolioPlus)
- Rotary Foundation Campaigns
- Disaster Relief (ShelterBox)
- Youth Exchange
- Friendship Exchange
- Vocational Training Teams
- Cluster Group
- Global Grants
- Participate in Action Groups (RAGs)
- Rotary Fellowships
- Participate in an Intercountry Committee (ICC)
- Travel Connections
- Business Connections
- Peace Fellowships
- Visit a club by Zoom



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Connect Through Rotary



One Small Action can Ripple Across the Globe!



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**Thank you
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