



# ROTARY PEACE CENTERS MAKING PEACE A REALITY

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# Creating peace in the world

## An ambitious goal, put into action by Rotary

The spike in regional and local conflicts around the world has underscored the need for professionals skilled in creating peace. Rotary created the Rotary Peace Centers in 2002 to identify and train highly qualified professionals to become agents of peace. Six Rotary Peace Centers at seven prestigious universities throughout the world offer Rotary Peace Fellows a rigorous program of study and applied field experience in areas relating to peace and conflict resolution. The Rotary Peace Centers draw from Rotary's long, unwavering commitment to peace, seen in projects that address the root causes of conflict. Rotary's 70-year collaboration with the United Nations and Rotary's peace symposiums and peace forums throughout the world further the cause of peace.

Rotary Peace Fellows are committed to the advancement of peace, serving as leaders in a range of international, national, and local organizations. They promote national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict in their lives, in their careers, and through their service activities.

The Rotary Peace Centers program is made possible through the generous support of a relatively small group of Rotarians and friends of Rotary whose major gifts and commitments will help endow the program. A goal of \$150 million in gifts and commitments by 30 June 2017 will ensure the long-term success of the program.



Abdikheir Ahmed  
Rotary Peace Fellow



Vanessa Contopulos  
Rotary Peace Fellow



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Rotary Peace Fellow

# ROTARY PEACE CENTERS

Rotary Peace Fellows study at Rotary Peace Centers located in countries other than their own. Through a rigorous program of academic study and practical training, the Rotary Peace Centers develop leaders who become catalysts for peace and conflict resolution in their communities and around the globe. The program relies on Rotarians to help identify potential candidates, with a goal of selecting approximately 50 master's degree fellows and 50 professional development certificate fellows each year.

The Rotary Peace Centers operate in partnership with seven premier institutions of higher learning. These institutions have changed as the program has evolved.

## University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England

The Department of Peace Studies at the University of Bradford is the largest in the world and offers several master's degrees. The department staff edits three academic publications (*International Peacekeeping*, *Journal of Latin American Studies*, and *Central and European Review*) and its research students produce the online journal *Peace, Conflict, and Development*.

## Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand

Chulalongkorn University offers an intensive, three-month period of study that leads to a professional development certificate. Unlike the other Rotary Peace Center partner schools, where the average age is about 30, fellows at Chulalongkorn are closer to 40 years old and already working in related fields.

## Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA

These universities, located just 10 miles apart, jointly host the Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center. Rotary Peace Fellows have the opportunity to earn both a master's degree in International Development Policy from Duke and a graduate certificate in International Peace and Conflict Resolution from UNC.

## International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan

International Christian University has been a pioneer in liberal arts education in Japan since opening its doors in 1953. Its Department of Public Policy and Social Research offers master's degrees in social sciences, humanities, natural sciences, and interdisciplinary studies as well as newly emerging fields of study.

## University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia

The School of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Queensland is ranked among the top 30 schools in the world in its field. Rotary Peace Fellows earn a master's degree in International Studies and Peace and Conflict Resolution.

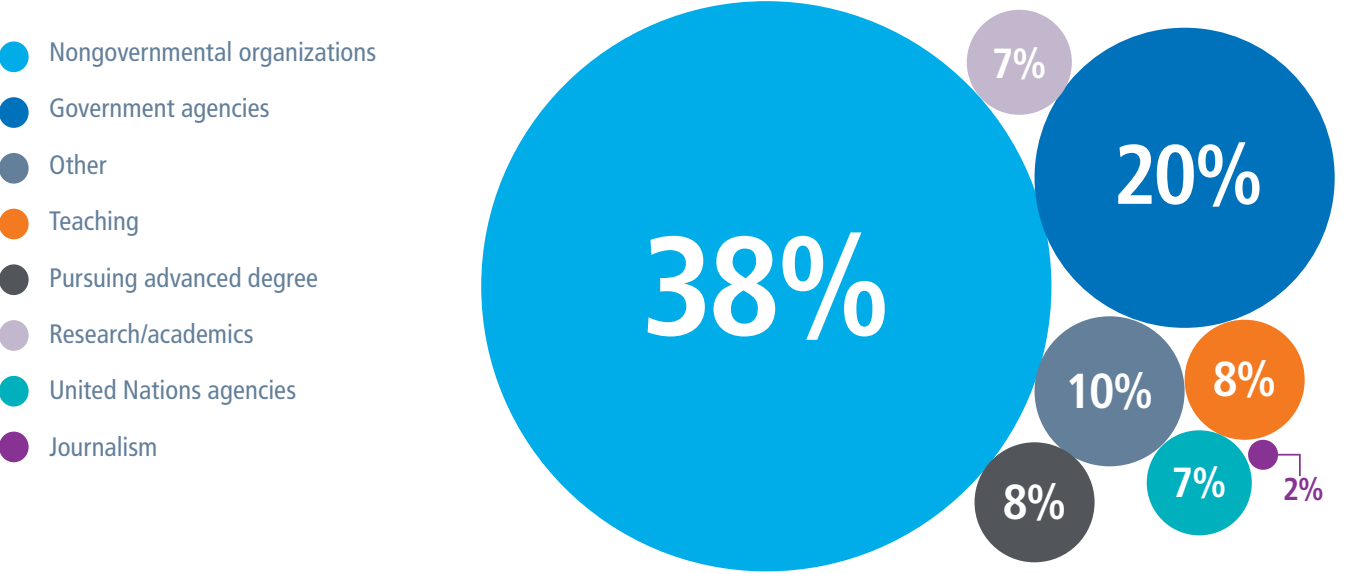
## Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden

The Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala offers a master's degree in Social Science. The department conducts research in several major areas of peace and conflict studies and is internationally renowned for its free and globally accessible data collection program related to conflict.

# ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS AROUND THE WORLD



# ROTARY PEACE CENTER ALUMNI BY PROFESSION





# Path Heang

**Hartley B. and Ruth B. Barker Endowed Rotary Peace Fellow, Cambodia  
University of Queensland, 2002-04**

Path Heang spent part of his childhood doing forced labor in a Khmer Rouge camp.

The experience left him determined to help his country heal from the years of brutality in which 2 million Cambodians died. As a Rotary Peace Fellow he explored the Khmer Rouge tribunal and security issues in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Today Heang is chief of a UNICEF field office, where he manages six programs that are improving the lives of millions of women and children in Cambodia's poorest households, providing them access to education, health care, and training for employment.

"Rotary Peace Fellows are working in organizations around the world, promoting equality and human rights. We are doing the things that lead to peace," Heang says. "Right now, with so much conflict unfolding around the world, it is very important to invest in peace."

*"I am in a senior position because of the analytical skills and tools I learned as a Rotary Peace Fellow. Now I can influence national policy for the poor in Cambodia."*



Path Heang monitors a program benefiting residents of a floating village.  
Photo by Seng Vanna

## Jason "Archi" and Betty Hsu

**Rotary Peace Centers Supporters, Taiwan**

*The majority of the Rotarians in Taiwan have either lived through or heard stories from their parents of Taiwan's years of extreme political and military tensions. Our history of war has led us to cherish the peaceful developments today. We learned from our experience that peace does not come naturally or easily. It takes effort to make peace, and it takes effort to sustain peace. Hence, fellow Taiwan Rotarians are supportive of the Rotary Peace Centers. We truly appreciate that the contributions we made to the centers are used to train Rotary Peace Fellows and equip them with the tools necessary to help foster world peace.*



# Michael and Adebola Olawale-Cole

## Rotary Peace Centers Supporters, Nigeria

*We are impressed by each Rotary Peace Fellow's commitment to advancing peace. Many of them are now working in challenging areas in Africa and beyond at both local and national levels. They are having an impact on people's health and safety. Without peace, disease flourishes, security is absent, and economies wither. Peace provides the cornerstone for communities to prosper. In supporting the Rotary Peace Centers program, my family and I are directly championing the Foundation's mission of advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace. The world would have been more troubled and unsafe without the noble contributions of Rotary in the direction of world understanding and peace.*



## Robert Opira

### Rotary Peace Fellow, Uganda University of Queensland, 2005-07

Soon after college, Robert Opira helped to rehabilitate and resettle more than 12,000 former child soldiers in northern Uganda. "The work was very challenging, and it motivated me to apply for the Rotary Peace Fellowship," he says.

Today, as executive director of the Great Lakes Center for Conflict Resolution, Opira works with governments, local institutions, and other organizations to build sustainable peace and security. The center, which he co-founded in 2008 with Rotary Peace Fellow Godfrey Mukalazi, conducts training in peace-building and reconciliation, demobilization and disarmament, and post-conflict recovery and development. It also has provided expertise to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

*"I wanted to do something to help prevent war, rather than addressing its consequences."*



Robert Opira leads a walk for peace in northern Uganda.  
Photo courtesy of Robert Opira

# Jim and Mary Kay Patmos

## Rotary Peace Centers Supporters, United States

*Rotary has been part of my life since I attended club meetings with my grandfather as a young boy. Today, my son Brent carries on the family tradition as a fourth-generation Rotarian.*

*Mary Kay and I always knew we wanted to honor this history by giving back to Rotary — the only question was how. As we learned more about Rotary's work in peace and conflict resolution, it became clear that this would be our Rotary legacy. Mary Kay had a fulfilling career working as a trainer in conflict resolution, and we both believe in Rotary's role as an agent for peace.*

*We have provided for a substantial gift to the Rotary Peace Centers in our estate plan. It makes no difference how much you have — what makes a difference is how you give back to those who have given to you.*



# Maria Saifuddin Effendi

## Rotary Peace Fellow, Pakistan University of Bradford, 2006-08

Within a year after graduating, Maria Saifuddin Effendi was back in academia, at the National Defense University in Islamabad, Pakistan. But this time she wasn't a student.

"The National Defense University (NDU) is the pioneer institution that introduced peace studies and conflict resolution as a discipline to Pakistan's education system in 2008, and I joined the NDU team in early 2009 to further establish the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies and the curriculum," says Effendi, an assistant professor.

The department is now thriving, despite some early resistance from academics who considered it "useless" and sought to close it down. "It's a great pleasure and satisfaction seeing it grow," she says.

"Peace can be achieved by addressing human security issues, from food and water security and environment preservation to economic prosperity and free education," Effendi says. "Once these issues are identified and addressed, people will fight less; there will be fewer conflicts in the world."



Maria Saifuddin Effendi speaks during a program for Pakistani and U.S. senior military officers at the National Defense University in Islamabad.  
Photo courtesy of Maria Saifuddin Effendi

***"The Rotary Peace Centers program is an excellent initiative."***





# Katia de Mello Dantas

**Paul F. and Carolyn C. Rizza Endowed Rotary Peace Fellow, Brazil  
Duke University and University of North Carolina, 2007-09**

Katia de Mello Dantas envisions a time when children everywhere can just be children: “Not toys in the hands of adults, not mini-workers, not victims; just children, with their full array of rights guaranteed.”

Dantas works at the Brazil office of the International Center for Missing and Exploited Children to combat child sexual exploitation, abuse, and abduction. As policy director for Latin America and the Caribbean, she helps draft uniform laws and train law enforcement officers on how to collect evidence and file charges effectively.

Dantas says she applies the tools and techniques she learned, “from a simple stakeholder analysis to the much more complex dynamics of international aid,” to her job every day. “My network of contacts significantly expanded with the fellowship and that helps me tremendously,” she adds.



Katia de Mello Dantas speaks on a panel about protecting children from sexual exploitation.

*Photo courtesy of Katia de Mello Dantas*

*“The donors who support this program should all be proud. They are truly contributing to making this world a better place to live.”*

## Otto and Fran Walter Foundation

**Rotary Peace Centers Supporter, United States**

*Here at the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, we view our commitment to the Rotary Peace Centers as a remarkable way to help build world peace. Because The Rotary Foundation manages the selection process and the footwork, we know that our precious dollars will go directly to the fellowship, and that our scholar will exemplify those attributes that are most critical to us. Frankly, we can think of no better way to invest in the future of the world than through our partnership with The Rotary Foundation.*

*— Marty Peak Helman, Otto and Fran Walter Foundation vice president*



# Arnoldas Pranckevičius

**Rotary Peace Fellow, Lithuania  
Sciences Po, 2002-04\***

Arnoldas Pranckevičius often wonders how the world will look in 20 or 50 years.

“Will it be a world of sustainable development with the gains of globalization available to everybody, or a world of economic protectionism, rising inequalities, and exploding poverty?”

Pranckevičius has dedicated his nearly 10-year career at the European Union to ensuring it’s a better one. As external policies adviser to European Parliament President Martin Schulz, he’s working on a special mediation mission launched by Schulz aimed at improving relations between the EU and Ukraine.

“What gives me the greatest hope for peace is the example of the European Union,” Pranckevičius says. “When I look at this area of peace, stability, and democracy that the EU managed to create on the continent which only last century gave birth to the most devastating wars, I begin to believe that peace is possible.”



Arnoldas Pranckevičius with Archbishop Desmond Tutu at a Rotary Peace Symposium

*“It is critical to come up  
with a long-term vision  
for our planet.”*

\*Sciences Po in Paris hosted a Rotary Peace Center from 2002 to 2007.

## Jannine and Paul Birtwistle

**Rotary Peace Centers Supporters, Channel Islands, Guernsey**

*Peace means something different to each and every one of us, and in this troubled world Paul and I sincerely believe Rotary Peace Centers is one of the two most important Rotary programs to support, ending polio being the other. By endowing the Paul and Jannine Birtwistle Endowed Rotary World Peace Fellowship, we are trusting 1.2 million Rotarians to carry on doing good in the world long after we have passed away.*

*Having met a number of peace fellows and having finalized our gift arrangements in our wills, we now feel a unique internal sense of peace knowing we are helping to empower truly amazing individuals who will make a difference in thousands, if not millions, of people’s lives for the rest of time.*

*Every gift you can make, no matter how big or small, to the Rotary Peace Centers program means you will also be personally connected with this wonderful Rotary initiative, helping to bring peace and conflict prevention and resolution to communities locally, nationally, and internationally.*



# Masafumi and Hatsumi Fukui

Rotary Peace Centers Supporters, Japan

*We believe that one must live one's life with compassion. Our wish is that, as citizens of the world, we can create a society where people of all regions in the world esteem and care for others. By supporting the Rotary Peace Centers, we foster compassion and enhance the impact of the many good things that The Rotary Foundation does. We hope that others will join us in this effort.*

## Erinma Bell

Rotary Peace Fellow, England  
Chulalongkorn University, 2010

Erinma Bell is giving young people an alternative to gun and gang crime in Manchester, England — and it's paying off. In four years firearm offenses in the area have dropped by more than 90 percent.

Bell is head and co-founder of the Community Alliance for Renewal Inner South Manchester Area (CARISMA). CARISMA provides peace and conflict resolution workshops and projects for youth, which are helping raise awareness and build positive relationships in the community.

The group has developed a peace tool kit, helped create PeaceFM radio station, organized Peace Weeks, and opened up communication between young people and police.

Under Bell's leadership, CARISMA has also shared expertise with police and community groups in Australia, Pakistan, the United States, and other countries.

***“Advocating for people is giving them a platform so they can speak for themselves.”***



Erinma Bell conducts a peace event in Manchester, England.  
Photo courtesy of Erinma Bell



# David Chick

**Paul and Jean Elder Named Rotary Peace Fellow, Australia  
Duke University and University of North Carolina, 2005-07**

David Chick says his experiences as a Rotary Peace Fellow helped prepare him for his job as director of the Peace and Conflict Section in the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

"Because much of my work is focused on the UN, my internship with UNHCR [United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees] during my peace fellowship has been a real asset in better understanding the UN's approach and administration," Chick says.

"Rarely a week goes by where I don't use the skills that I gained at the peace center," he says. "My studies of conflict resolution and negotiation assist me in thinking through options to support preventive diplomacy in Australia's neighborhoods."

"And not a year goes by where I am not truly thankful to Rotary for their support," Chick says.

***"The donors and Rotarians are a great asset to the program. They help to motivate and give you faith that peace is possible."***



David Chick  
Photo courtesy of David Chick



# Your invitation to help make peace a reality

Naming opportunities are available to support the program and its activities on several levels. Donors may make a gift for a specific Rotary Peace Fellow class or give to the Endowment Fund to provide support in perpetuity. Term gifts provide funding for one or more Rotary Peace Fellows or can provide general support for the program. With an Endowment Fund gift, a portion of the earnings is used to fund Rotary Peace Center activities.

## ENDOWED FUNDS (Contributions are invested in perpetuity, with spendable earnings supporting the program.)

### **\$1.5 million – Rotary Peace Fellowship**

Endows a Rotary Peace Fellow for a two-year master's degree program at a Rotary Peace Center every year.

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Endows a Rotary Peace Fellow for a two-year master's degree program at a Rotary Peace Center every two years.

### **\$1 million – Visiting Lecturer**

Endows a one-year visiting lecturer to teach and serve as a mentor for fellows at a Rotary Peace Center every year.

### **\$750,000 – Rotary Peace Fellowship**

Endows a Rotary Peace Fellow for a two-year master's degree program at a Rotary Peace Center every three years.

### **\$500,000 – Rotary Peace Fellowship**

Endows a Rotary Peace Fellow for a two-year master's degree program at a Rotary Peace Center every four years.

### **\$250,000 – Rotary Peace Certificate Program Fellowship**

Endows a Rotary Peace Fellow in the three-month professional development certificate program every year.

### **\$100,000 – Rotary Peace Centers Annual Seminars**

Endows an annual seminar at a Rotary Peace Center every year.

### **\$25,000 and up – Rotary Peace Centers General Support**

Endows a fund to provide general support for the program.



María Zazil Romero Echavarría  
Rotary Peace Fellow



Melissa Toupin-Laforge  
Rotary Peace Fellow

## TERM GIFTS (Contributions will be fully expended within a year or two.)

### **\$75,000 – Rotary Peace Fellowship**

Provides funding for a Rotary Peace Fellow for a two-year master's degree program at a Rotary Peace Center.

### **\$75,000 – Internships or Research Projects**

Provides funding for up to 10 internships or research projects for Rotary Peace Fellows.

### **\$60,000 – Rotary Peace Certificate Program Fellowship**

Provides funding for up to five Rotary Peace Fellows enrolled in the three-month professional development certificate program.

### **\$10,000 – General Support**

Gifts of \$10,000 or more provide general support of the program.

*An outright contribution of \$250,000 or more qualifies the donor for Arch Klumph Society recognition. For more information on naming opportunities and options for giving, please contact The Rotary Foundation.*

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