



# PROJECTS

Rotary's YES program works with villagers in remote areas of the world in partnership with local NGOs. The international trip provides an opportunity for students to experience making a difference through their time and labor and enhances relationships between cultures. YES selects its international sites based on the following criteria:

- The community is safe and can provide the group with adequate housing and food.
- There are specific tasks that can improve the quality of life of the people being served.
- There is a Rotary Club or NGO that can help coordinate the project in country.

Students participating in the YES Program are responsible for researching the work projects that will be implemented. The students develop the training materials for the villagers and lead the projects once in the village.

## PAST PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Providing water filters
- Planting and providing seeds for a community garden
- Purchasing and planting lemon, avocado, and orange trees
- Building chicken coops & providing chickens
- Purchasing school textbooks and supplies
- Designing and building children's play structure
- Building latrines
- Assembling and installing Aler stoves
- Creating children's activities
- Providing sewing projects for the village women.

## KNOWLEDGE CHANGES FATE

Go to the people—Live with them

Learn from them—Love them

Start with what they know.

Build with what they have.

But with the best leaders, when the work is done, the task accomplished, the people will say, "We have done this ourselves."

- Lao Tsu, Chinese Philosopher

# SAY YES.

## TO THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME.



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## Local & International Program

**A program to encourage youth to volunteer in their local community and internationally**





# YOUTH

Leadership Training



# ENGAGED

Community Volunteering



# SERVICE

Project Fundraising



In recognition of Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self," the Rotary Club of Burlington developed this youth program in 2007 to train tomorrow's leaders through service opportunities in our local and world communities.

## PROGRAM STATEMENT

The Youth Engaged in Service Program (YES) provides unique local and international service opportunities to 11th grade students. YES touches many lives. Local community organizations receive hundreds of volunteer hours as each student commits to a minimum of eighty hours of meaningful service during the school year. Villagers at international service sites are provided with much needed assistance and develop positive relationships with Americans and Canadians. Students experience a culture quite unlike their own causing them to reevaluate their priorities and goals. Rotarians become more enthusiastic about fundraising when they learn of the significant impact of their efforts.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide leadership development opportunities while engaging youth in Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, both locally and internationally.

## STUDENT COMMITMENT

Grade 11 high school students are chosen to participate by a panel of Rotarians after completing an application and interview process.

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

Students must participate in monthly meetings to qualify for the international humanitarian service project during the summer. Students will learn how to anticipate and plan events and activities while being accountable for their individual action items to assist the team. Rotary members will liaise and mentor the students throughout the year.

## YAIL PROGRAM

Students who are chosen will also participate in District 5050 YAIL program "Youth Adventures in Leadership Training".



## LOCAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE

The students are required to volunteer a minimum of 80 hours within their local community during the school year. Half of the students' hours must be at a "main service site" which is outside of their normal comfort zone, such as Adult Day Care or Special Olympics, where they become relied-upon volunteers and learn the benefit of "Service Above Self."

## FUNDRAISING

Each Rotary Club that sponsors a student contributes \$2,000 towards total program expenses - \$1,000 towards the student and \$1,000 towards projects. The student is responsible for \$1,500 towards program and trip costs. Rotary mentors assist students in fundraising and budgeting to meet this goal.

