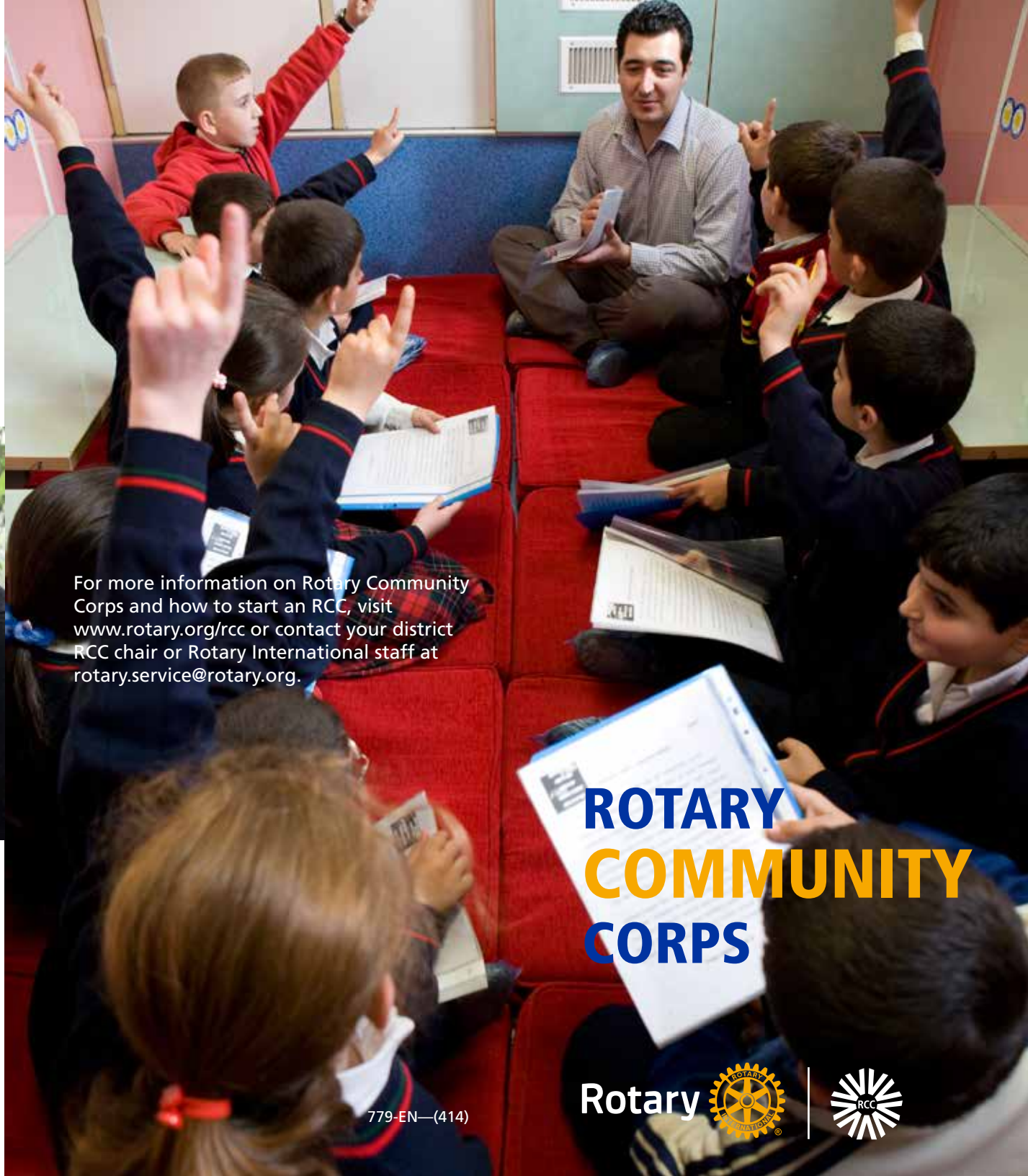


Why Rotary Community Corps?

“Rotary Community Corps are local. They are part of the community and help mobilize the community. They ensure that local needs are met. And most significantly, a Rotary Community Corps has a vested interest in its own success. Their members have to live with the results of their work; their commitments are the basis for sustainability. Rotary grant projects that establish Rotary Community Corps help to ensure that the project’s impact lives on in the community long after Rotary’s direct support ends.”

— Ron Denham, past district governor and founder of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group



For more information on Rotary Community Corps and how to start an RCC, visit www.rotary.org/rcc or contact your district RCC chair or Rotary International staff at rotary.service@rotary.org.

ROTARY COMMUNITY CORPS

Take Action

A Rotary Community Corps can be formed anywhere a Rotary club is active. Reach out to people in your community, ask them what challenges they’re facing, and empower them to take action. Once you find a core group of prospective members, complete an RCC Organization Form (available online) and submit it to Rotary International to officially charter your group.

Community Solutions for Community Challenges

Rotary Community Corps (RCCs) are teams of men and women who work in partnership with Rotary clubs to improve their communities. Each RCC is sponsored by a Rotary club and, as with Rotaract and Interact clubs, the Rotary club acts as its partner in service.

Some RCCs are created to undertake a specific project, while others tackle larger, more entrenched problems on an ongoing basis. RCCs set their own goals based on their communities' specific needs. As representatives of the population being served, RCC members bring enthusiasm, creativity, and sustainability to the projects they design and implement. They offer community solutions for community challenges.

Membership in an RCC is open to any adult in the community who shares Rotary's commitment to service but is not a Rotary member. The RCC model is flexible and can mobilize volunteers from all walks of life. Meetings typically take place once or twice per month and dues (if any are set) tend to be minimal. This flexibility encourages diversity in membership and allows members to focus solely on service projects. RCCs also provide their members with opportunities to collaborate with Rotarians and develop valuable leadership skills.



AREAS OF FOCUS



RCC Activity Around the World

RCCs are active everywhere Rotary is present: in urban and rural areas, and in both developed and developing countries. Here are a few examples of RCC activities:

- Japan: The RCC of Handa works with local schools to organize disaster-preparedness classes for youth of all ages. Activities include first aid, building portable toilets, and emergency food preparation.
- Kenya: The RCC of Cura Village near Nairobi established a home for children whose parents have died of AIDS. Many of the children are HIV-positive themselves.
- United States: The RCC of Parker, Colorado, provides a powerful growth and enrichment experience for the teens and adults with special needs who belong to it.
- Guatemala: The RCC of Peña Blanca is working to establish a community water system and a local health center for their neighbors in a rural community.

