



## ROTARY AT A GLANCE

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. [Rotary](#) unites people from all continents and cultures who take action to deliver real, long-term solutions to our world's most persistent issues. Together, we apply our professional experience and personal commitment to find new and effective ways to enhance health, stability, and prosperity across the globe.

Through volunteering, our 1.2 million members make lifelong friendships that transcend political and cultural boundaries and foster global understanding and respect. In addition to our 35,000 clubs, Rotary also offers expanded service opportunities including:

**[Interact](#)**: a service organization organized and sponsored by Rotary clubs for young adults ages 12-18. There are more than 20,300 Interact clubs in 159 countries.

**[Rotaract](#)**: groups organized by Rotary clubs to promote leadership, professional development, and service among young adults ages 18-30. There are more than 10,000 Rotaract clubs in 184 countries.

**[Rotary Community Corps](#)** (RCCs): groups of non-Rotary members who work to improve their communities. There are more than 7,500 RCCs in 80 countries, all organized and sponsored by Rotary clubs.

### **Membership Snapshot**

**Who:** Rotary brings together the kind of people who step forward to take on important issues for local communities worldwide. Rotary members hail from a range of professional backgrounds; doctors, artists, small business owners, teachers and executives all call themselves Rotarians. Rotary connects these unique perspectives, and helps leverage its members' expertise to improve lives everywhere.

**Where:** From Haiti and Greenland to Nigeria and Singapore, Rotary unites a truly diverse set of leaders from across the world. Currently, the largest number of clubs comes from the United States, India, Japan and Brazil. The fastest growing Rotary regions include Southeast Asia and Africa.

**What:** Each year, Rotary members invest more than \$200 million and 16 million volunteer hours to promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, save mothers and children, support education, and grow local economies.

### **Polio Eradication**

For more than 30 years, Rotary has been the driving force in the effort to eradicate polio worldwide. Alongside our partners in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), we have achieved a 99.9 percent reduction in polio cases. Our members have contributed \$1.9 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Today, polio remains endemic in Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Rotary remains committed to ending polio, and will raise \$50 million per year, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars through a matching agreement with the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#). With the infrastructure we helped create to end polio, we have built a lasting global health legacy that is now used to reach millions of children to treat and prevent other diseases.