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Rotary Volunteers is one of Rotary International's structured programs which are designed to help clubs and districts achieve their service goals in their own communities and in communities abroad, fostering fellowship and goodwill in the process.









What is Rotary Volunteers?

The Rotary Volunteers program allows Rotarians to carry out the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self by contributing their time and skills to all types of volunteer activities.









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Rotary Volunteers serve wherever needed

- At home, assisting with their club's community service projects
- Abroad, assisting humanitarian missions







Rotary Volunteers Goals

- Encourage and facilitate participation in all types of volunteer activities.
- Increase awareness of volunteer opportunities.
- Help clubs and districts realize the benefits of using volunteers in their service projects, and assist in the identification of volunteers.
- Improve quality of life worldwide through humanitarian service.
- Cultivate international understanding and goodwill.







About Rotary Volunteers

- The Rotary Volunteers program is an integral part of a club's balanced service program, which encompasses all Avenues of Service club, vocational, community, and international.
- Club and district Rotary Volunteers committees administer the program.
- RI supports the program by providing information and resources and by maintaining a registry of international volunteers and projects.





Club Committee Duties

- Maintain a registry of willing volunteers.
- Identify opportunities for service.
- Keep the district informed of the club's volunteer activities, as well as the need for volunteers.
- Assist interested international volunteers with registration.
- Register a club project as a Rotary Volunteers project site.





District Committee Duties

- Maintain a registry of Rotarians available to work on district projects.
- Identify service opportunities in the district and abroad.
- Serve as the communication link between clubs and RI.
- Endorse international Rotary Volunteers and Rotary Volunteers project sites.



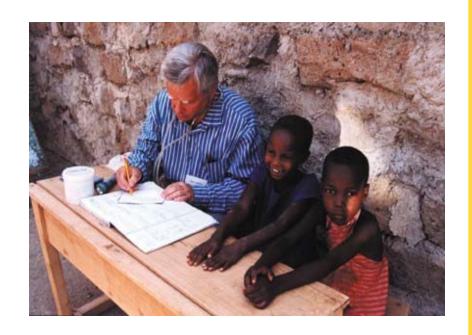




Register

Volunteers who want to serve abroad register with RI to:

- Advertise their offer of service and skills in the <u>Rotary</u> <u>Volunteers Database</u>
- Serve as ambassadors of Rotary









How to Register

Rotarians, Rotaractors, Rotary Foundation Alumni, spouses of Rotarians, and non-Rotarians can register as international Rotary Volunteers by:

- Completing the <u>International Volunteer</u> <u>Registration Form</u>
- Having it signed by your club president and a district officer (Rotary Volunteers or Vocational Service chair, or district governor) and sending it to RI

Note: Registration is for a two-year period (volunteers must re-register).







Locating a Project Site

Volunteers locate their own projects via:

- Online ProjectLINK, Rotary's searchable program database
- <u>Resource List</u> (volunteer organizations)
- Networking with fellow Rotarians









Funding

Rotary Volunteers find funding assistance via:

- The Rotary Foundation's Volunteer Service Grants
- Their Rotary club or district
- Corporate sponsorship
- Fundraisers
- Other volunteer organizations







Benefits to Projects

Inviting international volunteers to serve at your club's project can bring many benefits

- Technical knowledge and professional expertise
- Fellowship opportunities
- Potential support from a volunteer's club

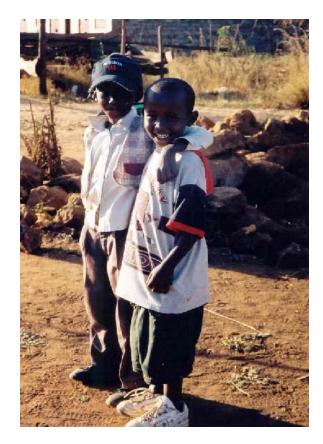






Register a Project Site

- Identify project needs.
- Review project site guidelines.
- Determine support available for volunteers (lodging, meals, local transport, etc.).
- Complete and send <u>site</u>
 <u>registration form</u> to <u>RI</u>.









Register a Project Site

- Projects are included in the online <u>ProjectLINK</u>; interested volunteers will contact the sponsor club.
- Qualified volunteers can be found in the online <u>Rotary</u> <u>Volunteers Database</u>.
- All communication and arrangements are made directly between clubs and potential volunteers.









Resources

The following resources are available on the RI Web site:

- Rotary Volunteers Handbook (263)
- Rotary Volunteers Database
- ProjectLINK
- RV International Volunteer Registration Form (284)
- RV International Volunteer Site Registration Form (285)
- Rotary Volunteers staff e-mail
- Rotary E-Learning Center



