ROTARACT OUTSTANDING PROJECT AWARDS
2014 WINNERS

INTERNATIONAL

Rotaract Club of H.R. College (District 3140, India) for “Boond”

Club members organized numerous community outreach events involving thousands of people to raise funds and awareness for their project to provide clean drinking water and sanitation facilities in Kumbharwadi, a drought-prone village near Mumbai. The club collaborated with the Watershed Organization Trust to select the village, where they are digging wells and constructing toilets. Village leaders and community members are involved in planning and funding the projects, and they are being trained so they can maintain the facilities going forward. (Photos)

ASIA PACIFIC REGION

Rotaract Club of National University of Singapore (District 3310, Singapore) for “Waves of Hope Swimarathon 2013”

When members of the club began volunteering at Pathfinder School, they were impressed with the way the school helped students with autism to develop social and vocational skills. To support low-income students at the school, the club organized a swimarathon, in which 474 young people swam laps and raised more than US$20,000. (Photos)

SOUTH ASIA REGION

Rotaract Club of the Caduceus (District 3140, India) for “EMcounter Kumbh – Mapping the Mela”

The club drew on the medical training of its members to provide disease surveillance during the annual Maha Kumbh Mela gathering of tens of millions of Hindu pilgrims. Club members collaborated with educational and governmental organizations to install a disease surveillance software in local clinics and sample water sources to help authorities collect patient data and prevent disease outbreaks during the festival. (Photos)

EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST, AND CENTRAL ASIA REGION

Rotaract Club of Bari Alto Casamassima (District 2120, Italy) for “DREAMbox”

Members of Rotaract clubs from every district in Italy joined forces to provide 1,000 “DREAMboxes” full of books, toys, and art supplies to children being treated for cancer at a local hospital. The Rotaractors are also fundraising to modernize a room in the hospital’s pediatric oncology wing. (Photos)
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA REGION

Rotaract Club of Nairobi Central (District 9212, Kenya) for “A Girl, a K, a Year”

Club members raised funds to provide sanitary towels to 2,936 girls who would otherwise need to miss school during menstruation because of a lack of supplies. The Rotaract club collaborated with Rotary clubs locally and internationally to raise over US$22,000 for the project, which also included a book drive and a mentorship program for the girls. (Photos)

LATIN AMERICA REGION

Rotaract Club of Carpe Diem Catolica (District 4455, Peru) for “Involucrados: An Initiative for Communities at Risk”

To strengthen families in their community, Rotaract club members organized training workshops for parents from a local school on literacy, budgeting, and entrepreneurship. The club is also supporting the school by holding arts and athletic activities during the summer and working on infrastructure improvements to classrooms and restroom facilities. (Photos)

USA, CANADA, AND CARIBBEAN REGION

Rotaract Club of Boston (District 7930, USA) for “Guatemala Water Filters Project”

Club members worked with a local non-profit and local craftsmen to provide water filters, hospital supplies, beds, stoves and toiletries to indigenous people living in the highlands of Guatemala. The club collaborated with Rotary clubs in the U.S. and Guatemala to raise over US$7,000 for the project, and six club members have gone on self-funded trips to the region to support water filter installation and training.