



Rotaboats, Sri Lanka

SRI LANKA

We continued our support of fishing communities devastated by the Boxing Day 2004 tsunami. Joined by the Rotary Club of Colombo Metropolitan and six Ottawa-area Rotary clubs, we purchased fishing canoes and nets for 54 fisher families in Trincomalee, and recently laid the cornerstone for the Ottawa Rotacentre, a community centre in Paiyagala.

SHELTER BOX CANADA

We sponsored a shelter box to provide dry shelter, a warm bed, light and heat, clean water, cooking aids and tools for up to 10 people. A project of the Rotary Club of Ladysmith, British Columbia, Shelter Box Canada deploys shelter boxes to disaster areas around the world.

ISN'T IT TIME FOR YOU TO

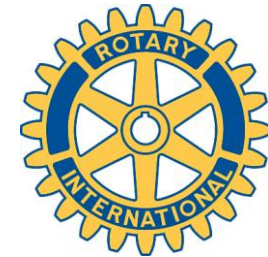
... Reach out to someone who needs help?

... Develop a relationship with a club in another country?

... Become acquainted with the customs and culture of a faraway place?

... Get involved in a WCS project?

World Community Service



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

World Community Service (WCS) reflects the heart of Rotary: using service to advance international understanding and goodwill. A WCS project is born when a Rotary club in one country reaches out to a Rotary club in another country and they undertake an activity to help those in need. Each project assists one community, but the benefits of WCS touch everyone, recipient as well as benefactor.

“A QUIET REVOLUTION OF HOPE”

- In South Africa, Rotary clubs are building primary schools for the next generation. Half a world away, a Canadian donor proudly points to a photograph of a smiling girl cradling a math book.
- In Mexico, a Rotarian envisions obtaining a fire engine, the community's first. His Rotary club promises to work with an international club to make this happen. A U.S. club learns of the need through a Rotary Foundation Scholar and takes a road trip to deliver a donated fire engine.

- In Japan, a Rotarian puts pen to paper to inquire how his club can help an eye-care clinic. An Indian Rotary club responds, explaining how their efforts will allow grandparents to see their grandchildren for the first time.

Each of these undertakings has a place in the “quiet revolution of hope,” as WCS has been described.

OTTAWA WCS PROJECTS

The Rotary Club of Ottawa's WCS committee has been involved with many international projects over the 2006-2007 Rotary year.

ESTONIA

In partnership with the Rotary Club of Tallinn and Action Estonia of the Ottawa Estonian Society, we supported several educational and cultural projects for disadvantaged children in Valga, Kohila, Tartu, Viljandi, Johvi and Sillamae.



Children playing chess, Estonia

GHANA

Working with the City of Ottawa, we covered the shipping costs to send a functional, decommissioned ambulance from Montreal to Accra.

KAZAKHSTAN

With the Rotary Club of Karaganda, we sponsored a promising student from a youth home toward higher education. The support provided was in the form of a scholarship and living expenses.



Right To Play, Africa

SOUTHERN SUDAN

In a collaborative project with Right To Play, we – along with six Rotary Clubs – raised funds to renovate a housing complex so that Right To Play could operate safely in Juba. We followed this project by funding sports equipment needed by the 26,500 IDP and street children participating in the *Juba Sport Works* program.