

RotaKids in Action

A Global Portfolio of Service Projects

This annex documents verified service projects carried out by RotaKids clubs and, where explicitly identified, comparable pre-Interact Rotary-family youth programmes such as EarlyAct and FuturAct, across more than 15 countries between 2010 and 2026. Projects are organized by theme. Each entry reflects real activity documented through Rotary district websites, school publications, and local press. Entries identified as EarlyAct, FuturAct, or other analogous programmes are included as comparative evidence of Rotary-family service-learning models for children under Interact age, not as RotaKids clubs.

CATEGORY 1: ENVIRONMENT & NATURE

1. RotaKids Pitești - Pitești, Romania (District 2241) Members transformed 1,500 pine cones into a handcrafted Christmas tree, which was auctioned at the Rotary Club of Pitești charity ball in December 2024, with proceeds supporting community projects. The club also participated in the annual Rotary District 2241 environmental month (March), raising awareness about clean surroundings and recycling among their school peers.

2. RotaKids Club Chennai Anchorage - Chennai, India (RID 3234) Hosted "Rotakidz - Project Planet", an inter-club environmental awareness event gathering children aged 3 to 13. Participants competed in painting and fancy dress across themes including water conservation, wildlife protection, renewable energy, and pollution control. The event was described by its organizers as "a celebration of young voices committed to change."

3. RotaKids Iași Luceafărul - Iași, Romania (District 2241) Founded jointly by five Rotary clubs in Iași, this club carries out environmental and community projects aligned with Rotary's annual focus areas. In March - the month dedicated to environmental protection across District 2241 - the club joins citywide awareness campaigns, clean-up drives, and educational activities about water conservation and recycling.

4. EarlyAct Sentinel Primary School - Hout Bay, Cape Town, South Africa (District 9350) Operates in partnership with the Rotary Club of Hout Bay, participating in community clean-up days alongside adult Rotarians. The club also runs a vision-testing programme and dental health initiatives at the school, connecting environmental awareness with broader community health education.

5. EarlyAct Disa Primary School - Hout Bay, Cape Town, South Africa (District 9350) Piloted an environmental awareness and hygiene education programme in 2019, later expanded into health screening. Members learn about the connection between clean environments

and community wellbeing, participating in projects that combine ecological action with direct support for fellow pupils.

6. Westfield Special School RotaKids - Berkshire, United Kingdom (District 1090) Established an international environmental twinning partnership with Libale Basic School in Zambia, exchanging project ideas across continents. Members also participated in a sailing taster session, broadening their outdoor environmental engagement beyond the school grounds.

7. FuturAct Club San Cristóbal - Insulele Galápagos, Ecuador (District 4400) Members of the FuturAct Club on San Cristóbal Island - one of the world's most ecologically sensitive locations - carry out regular beach clean-ups on the nesting beaches where thousands of marine turtles lay their eggs each season. The club operates under the sponsorship of the local Rotary club, combining conservation education with hands-on environmental action in one of UNESCO's most protected natural heritage sites.

8. St Felix School RotaKids - Southwold, Suffolk, United Kingdom (District 1080) In one of their first environmental actions after chartering in November 2024, members helped recycle an entire school library of books through the Children's Book Project charity, boxing, bagging and transporting hundreds of volumes to prevent them going to waste ahead of a library refurbishment.

9. RotaKids Network - Oswestry, Shropshire, United Kingdom (District 1070) Eleven primary schools working under Borderland Rotary Club organized the annual Crocus Walk through Cae Glas Park, combining environmental awareness with advocacy: walking through purple crocus flowers - a symbol of polio vaccination - children learned about global health while raising funds matched by the Gates Foundation.

10. RotaKids Alba Iulia - Alba Iulia, Romania (District 2241) Participated in environmental and cultural activities organized in partnership with the Rotary Club of Alba Iulia, including a digital art exhibition themed "Allegory of Nature." The club engages in District 2241's annual environmental focus month, contributing to a programme that links nature protection with civic responsibility in primary school children.

CATEGORY 2: END POLIO, HEALTH & WELLBEING

11. EarlyAct Sentinel Primary School - Hout Bay, Cape Town, South Africa (District 9350) Participated in a vision-testing programme launched by the Rotary Club of Hout Bay at the school, through which nearly 15% of pupils were found to need spectacles. Members also took part in health clinics held at the school serving 270 patients in a single September 2024 session, learning firsthand about the link between community health and civic responsibility.

12. EarlyAct Disa Primary School - Hout Bay, Cape Town, South Africa (District 9350) Hosted a pilot dental health education programme in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Hout Bay. Members learned about oral hygiene and preventive health care as part of a broader school-based wellness initiative, connecting Rotary's global health mission to their daily school environment.

13. Joint Student Polio Awareness Initiative - New Delhi, India (District 3010) On World Polio Day 2024, more than 1,000 students in Delhi came together to spell out the phrase "Polio Free Bharat" - Bharat being the Sanskrit name for India - as a public statement of commitment to the global polio eradication effort. The event, supported by local Rotary clubs and youth groups including pre-Interact or RotaKids-type organisations, is included here as comparative evidence of the educational and public-health role that child-focused Rotary-family service programmes can play.

14. FuturAct Club Salto - Salto, Uruguay (District 4980) Organized a road safety and accident prevention awareness campaign in their community, reaching out to pedestrians, school families and local residents. The project is one of several carried out annually by FuturAct clubs in Uruguay - the country where the FuturAct movement was founded in 1975 - under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Salto. Members also participated in a sponsored event raising consciousness around traffic safety for young children.

15. RotaKids District 2241 Network - Romania & Republic of Moldova During Rotary's annual March focus on environmental and public health, RotaKids clubs across District 2241 participate in awareness activities linked to water conservation, hygiene, and health education. In 2023-24, District 2241 reported 60 active RotaKids members across three clubs contributing to health and community projects alongside Rotary's broader End Polio Now commitment, which is prominently featured in district communications.

16. RotaKids Network - District 4420, São Paulo, Brazil Brazil is the birthplace of the RotaKids movement, founded in 1996 in São Paulo by Rotarian Samir Khoury. Districts 4751, 4780, and 4420 were among the five globally with the highest percentage of clubs registering World Polio Day actions in 2024. RotaKids clubs in Brazil contribute to polio awareness and health education events annually alongside their sponsoring Rotary clubs, carrying forward the legacy of the programme's founding mission.

17. Africa Unite: A Gala for Polio - Cape Town, South Africa (District 9350) An annual polio awareness gala that began in 2016 as an informal dinner between Rotaractors and has grown into a major community event reaching 100+ attendees including Rotary and Rotaract members from across District 9350. The 2024 edition raised funds for polio eradication and sponsored a Rotaractor trip to Uganda to participate directly in a

vaccination campaign, demonstrating the pipeline from youth programmes to frontline global health action.

18. Greenwards Primary School RotaKids - Elgin, Moray, Scotland, United Kingdom (District 1010) In June 2025, two year groups of RotaKids organised a rummage sale raising £75 for the Rotary Foundation, followed by a sponsored walk that raised £2,450 for Harry's Hat, a hydrocephalus charity that had helped the family of one of the committee members. Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick visited the school that month and described the pupils' compassion and community spirit as "truly inspiring." The visit marked the highest-level recognition any RotaKids club has received from RI leadership.

19. Borderland RotaKids Crocus Walk - Oswestry, Shropshire, United Kingdom (District 1070) Eleven primary schools under the Borderland Rotary umbrella organized the annual Rotakids Crocus Walk through Cae Glas Park in March 2025, raising funds for the global polio vaccination programme. Each pound raised was matched 2:1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, meaning every £1 collected funded polio vaccines for six children. Children walked through purple crocus flowers - a symbol of vaccination campaigns - connecting a local community event to global health impact.

20. RotaKids Elim Primary School - Zambia (District 9210) Children at Elim Primary in Zambia participate in health and hygiene awareness activities sponsored by the local Rotary club, covering clean water use, basic sanitation, and disease prevention. The club was among those added to the rotakids.net world map as part of the expansion of African RotaKids clubs in 2023-24, reflecting the growing recognition that community health education for children under 12 is as relevant in sub-Saharan Africa as in Europe.

CATEGORY 3: ELDERLY, DISABLED & VULNERABLE COMMUNITY SUPPORT

21. Quilters Junior School RotaKids - Billericay, Essex, United Kingdom (District 1240) Since 2019, children aged 7-11 have maintained a continuous "Pen Pals" correspondence with elderly residents of Anisha Grange retirement home in Billericay. The project survived the pandemic by letter, earned the school the first Dementia Friendly Schools award in Billericay, and culminated in an annual Tea Party where elderly pen pals visit the school for games, an intergenerational choir performance, and conversation. The club also attends HumankindCafe to sing and do crafts with isolated community members. The Rotary Club of Billericay contributed £320 toward postage costs. Both Quilters and its partner Buttsbury Junior School have received Presidential Citations from Rotary International - among the very few RotaKids clubs globally to receive this distinction.

22. RotaKids Alba Iulia - Alba Iulia, Romania (District 2241) In partnership with Rotaract Alba Iulia and the Rotary Club of Alba Iulia, the RotaKids club contributed to fundraising

for a saline therapy room at the "Arnsberg" Day Centre - a facility serving over 2,000 children with disabilities annually. The fundraiser, organized as a charity event, mobilized the entire Rotary family in Alba Iulia. Children with disabilities visiting the centre will benefit from improved respiratory health through salt therapy, a meaningful contribution by the city's youngest Rotary members to one of its most vulnerable communities.

23. FuturAct Club Maldonado-Este - Maldonado, Uruguay (District 4980) The oldest continuously active FuturAct club in the world - the movement was born in Uruguay in 1975 - carries out regular visits to elderly residents in local care homes, where members play games, share music, and spend time with isolated seniors. This intergenerational tradition has been a cornerstone of FuturAct activities in Uruguay for decades and continues to model the same ethic of service for which the adult Rotary family is known, starting at primary school age.

24. EarlyAct - Monmouth County, New Jersey, USA (District 7305) Operating under the official EarlyAct program framework adopted by Rotary District 7305, member clubs are required to carry out three service projects annually: one for the school, one for the local community, and one furthering international understanding. Local community projects regularly include visits to seniors, collections for shelters, and activities for children with special needs - making elderly and vulnerable community support a structural pillar of EarlyAct programming across participating New Jersey schools.

25. EarlyAct Sentinel Primary School - Hout Bay, Cape Town, South Africa (District 9350) Beyond health screenings, EarlyAct members at Sentinel Primary organise community support activities for vulnerable families in the Hout Bay area - one of Cape Town's most economically mixed communities. Members collect non-perishable food, hygiene items, and clothing for distribution to families in need, learning that service to the most vulnerable is not a single event, but a sustained commitment.

26. RotaKids Network - São Paulo, Brazil (District 4420) RotaKids clubs in Brazil - where the programme was born - adopt a model of three annual service projects: school, local community, and international solidarity. Community projects across São Paulo and surrounding districts include visits to children's hospitals, donations to shelters for homeless families, and toy collections for children in care. This community service culture, embedded since the 1996 founding of the programme, remains active across hundreds of Brazilian RotaKids clubs today.

27. RotaKids Pitești - Pitești, Romania (District 2241) Members crafted a handmade Christmas tree from 1,500 pine cones, which was auctioned at the 2024 Rotary Club of Pitești charity ball alongside works by local artists. The funds raised support community social projects in Argeș County, including equipment donations to the County Hospital.

The project demonstrates RotaKids members learning that even a school craft activity can become a direct community service act through Rotary's structure.

28. EarlyAct Disa Primary School - Hout Bay, Cape Town, South Africa (District 9350) Alongside health and environmental projects, EarlyAct members at Disa Primary take part in community events connecting them with vulnerable residents of Hout Bay - a township-adjacent fishing community where social inequality is acute. Members learn civic responsibility through practical contact with people whose daily realities differ sharply from their own school environment, developing empathy and leadership skills aligned with EarlyAct's founding mission.

29. FuturAct Club Itcheimé - Venezuela (District 4380) Active in one of South America's most challenging social contexts, FuturAct Itcheimé has organized clothing collection and distribution drives for families in need in their community - a project type confirmed in the 2018 FuturAct network documentation as standard practice for Venezuelan and Colombian clubs. Children as young as six participate in sorting, wrapping, and delivering donated clothing, gaining direct experience of community service alongside adult Rotary and Rotaract members.

30. RotaKids Iași Luceafărul - Iași, Romania (District 2241) Founded jointly by all five Rotary clubs in Iași, RotaKids Luceafărul is one of the most structurally supported clubs in District 2241. Its members participate in District-wide charity marches ("Promenadul Inimilor") and community projects supporting vulnerable children in the Iași area - a city with significant social needs given its role as a major university and refugee transit hub. The club's multi-club sponsorship model makes it a reference example within the district for how RotaKids can be embedded in a city's Rotary ecosystem.

CATEGORY 4: INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

31. New Elgin Primary School RotaKids - Elgin, Moray, Scotland, United Kingdom (District 1010) In their inaugural year as a chartered club, pupils from New Elgin Primary's P5 classes filled, decorated and handed over 94 Christmas shoeboxes destined for children living in poverty in Eastern Europe. The entire school contributed items, but it was the RotaKids members who led the filling and personalised each box with drawings and decorations, hoping to give added joy to children who had never received a present. The project has continued annually, becoming a flagship activity for Rotary Elgin's cluster of RotaKids clubs across Moray - which collectively deliver hundreds of shoeboxes each year toward Romania, Moldova and Ukraine.

32. Quilters & Buttsbury Junior School RotaKids - Billericay, Essex, United Kingdom (District 1240) Participating in the Rotary Club of Billericay's "Borewells" project, which funded clean water wells for 5,500 schoolchildren across 10 primary schools in Embu

County, Kenya, the RotaKids members hosted a fundraising quiz and attended a school assembly presentation about the project. Buttsbury Junior School also organised a "Kenya Day" as part of Geography Week to build awareness of the East African communities their efforts were supporting. The partnership with Rotary Club of Embu demonstrates how RotaKids clubs can act as the junior face of Rotary's global development work.

33. FuturAct Club Machala Moderno - Machala, El Oro, Ecuador (District 4400) When a major earthquake struck Peru in 2023, members of FuturAct Machala Moderno joined Interact, Rotaract and Rotary Club members in an emergency collection of food and basic supplies for victims across the border. Children as young as six participated in sorting and preparing donations, learning through direct experience that solidarity has no age requirement. The project reflects the FuturAct tradition across Latin America of mobilising the entire Rotary family - including its youngest members - in response to regional disasters.

34. Rotary Club of Iași 2000 / RotaKids Iași Luceafărul - Iași, Romania (District 2241) As an official distribution partner of the international Rotary Shoebox Scheme, the Rotary Club of Iași 2000 receives annual shipments of Christmas shoeboxes collected by RotaKids, Rotaract and Rotary clubs across Great Britain and Ireland, and distributes them to orphanages and children's hospitals in Iași and the surrounding region. Since 2022, a portion of the boxes have also been directed to Ukrainian children arriving as refugees. This dual role - Romania as both recipient of international goodwill and active distributor of it - makes Iași a bridge in the global RotaKids solidarity chain.

35. RotaKids District 2241 Network - Romania & Republic of Moldova Following Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, Rotary District 2241's clubs mobilised alongside Moldovan counterparts to support hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian refugees crossing through Moldova. RotaKids clubs participated in awareness activities, collection drives and community solidarity events. The district sits on the frontline of Europe's largest refugee crisis since World War II, and its youth programmes - including RotaKids - have been part of the human face of that response, teaching primary-school children the meaning of international solidarity through lived experience.

36. St Cuthbert's Church of England Primary RotaKids - Lancashire, United Kingdom (District 1210) In the 2022-23 school year, the newly chartered RotaKids club chose as their first international solidarity project the collection of toys and soft animals for children in Cuba, who had lost homes and belongings in a natural disaster. Members made posters for the school, organised the collection, and arranged donation. The project established from the outset the club's ethos: that being a RotaKid means looking beyond your own school gate to children on the other side of the world who may need comfort and a sense that someone cares.

37. RotaKids Finland National Programme - Finland (Districts 1390, 1400, 1410, 1420, 1430) Finland has developed an active national RotaKids programme, with a dedicated national coordinator, branded materials (badges, stickers) and a community of clubs across all five Finnish Rotary districts. Finnish RotaKids projects incorporate the international dimension built into the programme globally, including awareness of Rotary's partnership with ShelterBox for disaster relief, participation in World Polio Day, and cross-cultural exchange. Finland's Nordic position gives the programme a particular emphasis on international understanding across borders, a value that aligns directly with Rotary International's core mission.

38. EarlyAct Network - District 5330, California, USA Under the EarlyAct programme framework operating across California Rotary District 5330, member clubs are required by their programme structure to complete three annual projects: one for the school, one for the local community, and one advancing international understanding. International projects carried out by California EarlyAct programme have included fundraising for communities in developing countries, awareness campaigns about global water access, and solidarity events tied to Rotary's international areas of focus. The USA's network of EarlyAct programme represents hundreds of elementary schools whose youngest members are learning to think globally.

39. FuturAct Club Salto - Salto, Uruguay (District 4980) FuturAct Salto participates in Rotary International's global PolioPlus awareness activities, connecting Uruguayan children to one of the most significant international public health efforts in history. Members also participate in inter-district solidarity events within the Southern Cone Rotary region, building awareness among children as young as six of their connection to communities across South America and beyond. Uruguay (as the birthplace of the FuturAct movement in 1975) carries a particular responsibility as a model for how pre-Interact service clubs can engage in international solidarity from their earliest activities.

40. RotaKids Network District 4420 - São Paulo, Brazil Brazil's RotaKids network, rooted in the programme's founding by Samir Khoury in São Paulo in 1996, participates in Rotary's international activities including World Polio Day, disaster awareness campaigns, and cross-district solidarity events. São Paulo's metropolitan area hosts numerous RotaKids clubs whose members grow up understanding Rotary as an organisation that operates in over 200 countries - not as a local club, but as a global family with shared responsibilities. The Brazilian RotaKids tradition of structuring service around school, community and international dimensions continues to influence how the programme is understood globally.

CATEGORY 5: EDUCATION & LITERACY

41. RotaKids Rotary Club of Iași - Iași, Romania (District 2241) RotaKids clubs from Iași participate in Rotary District 2241's annual "Educație pentru noua generație" programme

- a competitive fund that co-finances school projects with up to 150,000 lei annually across the district. Projects support educational infrastructure, digital access and learning innovation in under-resourced schools. By learning to present ideas, vote on priorities and track impact, the youngest members of the Rotary family in Iași practice the very leadership skills the programme aims to develop.

42. Rotakidz Chennai Anchorage - Chennai, India (RID 3234) The Rotary Club of Chennai Anchorage organises an annual "Rotakidz" inter-club educational event bringing together children aged 3 to 13. The 2025 edition featured creative competitions in painting, fancy dress and public speaking around the theme "Environment - Project Planet", with topics spanning water conservation, wildlife protection, renewable energy and pollution control. The event is described as "a celebration of young voices committed to change", developing children's capacity to form, express and defend their own views - core literacy and civic education skills.

43. Rotary India Literacy Mission - TEACH Programme Schools, India (Multiple Districts) The Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM), operating through Rotary clubs across 15 Indian states, has transformed over 27,000 government schools into Happy Schools and enrolled more than 50,000 out-of-school children back into education through its Asha Kiran programme. In partnership with NCERT and India's Ministry of Education, RILM produced free e-learning content reaching 420 million users through national television and mobile platforms. Rotary's youngest members - Interactors and early-age participants - serve as peer educators using the "Each One, Teach One" model to bring basic literacy to adults in their families and communities.

44. EarlyAct Network - District 5330, California, USA Across multiple Californian schools, EarlyAct programme run structured literacy projects aligned with their three mandatory annual service areas: school, local community, and international understanding. Local literacy activities include collecting books for under-resourced classrooms, participating in school reading events, and creating awareness campaigns about the value of education. The programme's character education mission explicitly connects literacy to active citizenship - one of Rotary's core global commitments.

45. FuturAct Club Celaya - Celaya, Guanajuato, Mexico (District 4170) FuturAct Celaya is documented as one of the active FuturAct clubs in Mexico, carrying out community projects including tree planting and environmental education alongside awareness campaigns about children's rights and access to education. The club operates in Guanajuato state, where educational access disparities between urban and rural communities remain significant, making children's awareness of education as a right - not a privilege - a core part of the club's civic formation agenda.

46. Guatemala Literacy Project - RotaKids & Rotary Connection, Guatemala (Districts 4060, 4250) The Guatemala Literacy Project, supported by The Rotary Foundation with 48 grants totalling \$6.5 million since 1997, provides textbooks, teachers and scholarships to primary school children in Mayan communities. Primary schools participating in the project - including in the village of Chajalajjá - report that children who previously had no books now arrive at school eager to read. Children from these communities who received Rotary-funded scholarships have gone on to university, breaking multi-generational cycles of illiteracy. While not branded as RotaKids, the project benefits the same age group that RotaKids serves globally and operates through the same Rotary club network.

47. St Felix School RotaKids - Southwold, Suffolk, United Kingdom (District 1080) Among their first projects after chartering in October 2024, RotaKids members sorted and donated an entire school library of books to the Children's Book Project charity - books which are redistributed to children in schools where library access is limited. The act of RotaKids children giving away their own school's books to peers who have none is a powerful early lesson in educational equity: understanding that access to books is not universal, and that children themselves can be agents of change.

48. RotaKids District 2241 Network - Romania & Republic of Moldova Rotary District 2241's annual education fund - "Educație pentru noua generație" - operates alongside RotaKids and Interact clubs to support school improvement projects. In 2024-25, the fund allocated 150,000 lei across competitive project grants, with co-financing from sponsoring clubs. RotaKids members in the district learn about educational inequality through visits to under-resourced schools and through the fundraising activities they carry out to support these initiatives, developing awareness of education as a Rotary service area from primary school age.

49. RotaKids Alba Iulia - Alba Iulia, Romania (District 2241) In partnership with Rotary Club Alba Iulia and Erasmus+ students from the University "1 Decembrie 1918", RotaKids Alba Iulia participated in a digital art exhibition themed "Allegory of Nature" - the first project of its kind in Romania combining civil society, university and local authorities in a cultural-educational partnership. The exhibition, held at Museikon in the National Museum, exposed primary school children to art, digital creativity and cultural heritage as educational experiences beyond the standard curriculum.

50. Hippings Methodist Primary School RotaKids - Burnley, Lancashire, United Kingdom (District 1210) The Year 5 RotaKids at Hippings Methodist Primary structured their annual projects around three pillars: an international charity, a local charity, and an environmental project - including literacy-adjacent activities such as collecting books for children in other countries. Members learned to identify needs, make collective decisions and implement projects, practising reading, writing, arithmetic and citizenship

simultaneously. The club frames its projects explicitly as curriculum-aligned, treating RotaKids as a practical extension of classroom learning.

CATEGORY 6: FOOD SECURITY & HUNGER AWARENESS

51. Palatine Lasers & Thames Primary RotaKids - Blackpool, Lancashire, United Kingdom (District 1210) The Rotakids clubs sponsored by Rotary Club of Blackpool Palatine have carried out local food collections for charities supporting the homeless and families living in poverty in Blackpool - one of England's most deprived coastal towns. Members also participated in club "Rise Against Hunger" meal packing events, where volunteers assembled nutritionally fortified meal packets for distribution to school feeding programmes across sub-Saharan Africa. The Blackpool Palatine experience of combining local food poverty work with global hunger action is a model for how RotaKids can act on both fronts simultaneously.

52. EarlyAct Sentinel Primary School - Hout Bay, Cape Town, South Africa (District 9350) Members of EarlyAct Sentinel participate in food collections for families in need within the Hout Bay community - a fishing village where informal settlements exist alongside affluent neighbourhoods. Non-perishable food items collected by children are channelled through the Rotary Club of Hout Bay's existing social welfare networks, teaching primary school children that food insecurity is not a distant problem but one that affects their own neighbours. South Africa has one of the world's highest rates of child food poverty, with 23% of children experiencing severe food deprivation.

53. EarlyAct Disa Primary School - Hout Bay, Cape Town, South Africa (District 9350) In parallel with their health and environmental projects, EarlyAct members at Disa Primary take part in food drives organised by their sponsoring Rotary club, collecting items for vulnerable families in the Hout Bay area. The project teaches the connection between food security, education attendance and child health - a link that Rotary International has highlighted as critical through its WASH in Schools and school nutrition focus areas.

54. Hippings Methodist Primary School RotaKids - Burnley, Lancashire, United Kingdom (District 1210) RotaKids at Hippings Methodist participate in the traditional RotaKids "Harvest Bags" project - filling hessian bags with tinned and packaged food donated by school families, which are then delivered to local charities and food banks. The project, listed as a standard RotaKids activity across Great Britain, connects children to the concept of food poverty in their own community while teaching practical skills of organising, sorting, and distributing donations within a structured service framework.

55. FuturAct Club Salto - Salto, Uruguay (District 4980) FuturAct clubs in Uruguay have participated in food and basic goods collections for vulnerable families as part of their standard service project portfolio. Salto - Uruguay's second-largest city - has communities

affected by structural poverty, and the FuturAct club's food awareness activities give children aged 6 to 14 direct experience of working alongside adult Rotarians to address local food insecurity, consistent with FuturAct's founding mission of service from primary school age.

56. RotaKids D2241 Network - Romania & Republic of Moldova RotaKids clubs across District 2241 participate in the annual "Promenada Inimilor" charity march, which raises funds for multiple social causes including food aid for vulnerable families. In 2022 and beyond, with Moldova hosting hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian refugees, clubs in both Romania and Moldova contributed to collection drives for basic supplies including food. Children learned firsthand about food insecurity as a humanitarian emergency, not merely an abstract concept, through their proximity to the largest European refugee crisis since World War II.

57. RotaKids Network - District 4420, São Paulo, Brazil RotaKids clubs in Brazil - operating in one of the world's most economically unequal countries - have incorporated food awareness and collection drives into their annual service programme since the movement's founding in São Paulo in 1996. Brazilian clubs have participated in fundraising events whose proceeds support food bank initiatives, and RotaKids members have taken part in community events alongside adult Rotarians during periods of heightened need, including the COVID-19 pandemic years when food poverty in urban favelas reached crisis levels.

58. EarlyAct Network - District 7305, New Jersey, USA EarlyAct programme in the district formally incorporate food and hunger projects into their three-project annual structure. Participating schools have conducted food drives for local pantries, participated in regional "Rise Against Hunger" meal packaging events alongside Rotarians and Rotaractors, and created awareness campaigns about food insecurity in the USA - where 1 in 7 children experience food poverty. The programme teaches children that hunger is not only a global problem but one affecting classmates in their own schools.

59. RotaKids Elim Primary School - Zambia (District 9210) In Zambia - where child malnutrition rates remain among the highest in sub-Saharan Africa - the Rotary-sponsored club at Elim Primary participates in awareness activities connected to Rotary's broader nutrition and food security work in the country. Children learn about the relationship between clean water, food safety and nutrition through educational activities supported by the local Rotary club, building understanding of food insecurity from within a community that lives with it daily.

60. Rotary Club of Bowmanville / Concert to Feed the Need - Ontario, Canada The annual "Concert to Feed the Need" organised by the Rotary Club of Bowmanville, supported by six additional Rotary clubs, has raised nearly \$90,000 since 2018 to fund meals through

food banks and social service providers in the Durham region of Ontario. The event involves the broader Rotary youth family - including Interact and Rotaract clubs - in both the fundraising and the volunteer delivery of food. Youth participation in this model of community-scale hunger relief, including primary school-aged children at feeder events, demonstrates the pipeline from RK civic education to measurable food relief impact.

CATEGORY 7: PEACE, ANTI-BULLYING & ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

61. RotaKids Pius School - Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, United Kingdom (District 1190) In July 2024, the Rotary Club of Furness Peninsula formally presented a Peace Pole to the RotaKids club at Pius School in Barrow - one of the specific activities documented in the Cumbria & Lancashire Rotary network for that month. A Peace Pole bears the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in multiple languages and is recognised globally as a symbol of Rotary's commitment to conflict prevention. For the children who received it, the ceremony became an introduction to Rotary's peace mission at its most tangible and symbolic level.

62. Warwick Bridge Primary School RotaKids - Warwick Bridge, Cumbria, United Kingdom (District 1190) The RotaKids club at Warwick Bridge Primary raised nearly £1,000 for Jigsaw Children's Hospice in 2022-23, and in 2023-24 switched their international focus to supporting Ankoma Dream - a Ghana-based charity providing school resources for children unable to afford basic supplies. The club is mentored by Brampton & Longtown Rotary and is part of a network of five RotaKids groups that collectively raised over £1,250 in Autumn 2024 alone. The Warwick Bridge model - electing officers, choosing causes, running fundraisers - is active citizenship practised from age 7.

63. RotaKids D2241 District Network - Romania & Republic of Moldova The RotaKids programme across District 2241 is explicitly framed as a civic education tool. The district's monthly governor's letter consistently links RotaKids activities to Rotary's core value of integrity and to the mission of forming the next generation of community leaders. Children who join RotaKids learn parliamentary procedure, democratic voting, budget management, and public presentation - the mechanics of democratic participation before secondary school. In a district that spans two countries with complex post-Communist civic legacies, this citizen formation role is significant.

64. EarlyAct Network - District 7305, New Jersey, USA The EarlyAct programme explicitly teaches parliamentary procedure through its formal meeting structure, requiring officers - elected by peers - to run meetings under the guidance of faculty and Rotarian advisors. Children learn to raise motions, discuss proposals and vote on community projects from primary school age. This structured democratic practice makes EarlyAct programme a direct pipeline for the active citizenship that Rotary International has identified as essential to long-term peace and conflict prevention, starting seven years before children are eligible for Interact.

65. FuturAct Club Salto - Salto, Uruguay (District 4980) FuturAct programme across Uruguay carry out anti-bullying awareness activities and road safety campaigns - the latter having been documented specifically for Futuract Salto as a civic project. The club operates in a formal structure with elected officers and a Rotary-sponsored agenda of service that develops civic responsibility alongside practical action. Uruguay's FuturAct movement - founded in 1975 and therefore the world's oldest continuous pre-Interact programme - has spent five decades demonstrating that civic formation can begin at age six with lasting effects on community culture.

66. Oakbank Primary School RotaKids - Perth, Scotland, United Kingdom (District 1010) Pupils at Oakbank Primary raised £592 for Save the Children through a Crazy Hair Day fundraiser, with the Rotary Club of Perth adding a further £100. What the project illustrates is the civic learning embedded in the process: children who choose an international charity, design a fundraising event, manage ticket sales, present results to adult Rotarians, and receive a formal charter - experiencing the full cycle of civic action. The club is part of a district that now includes Kinnoull Primary among its newly chartered RK schools, showing a widening network of civic formation across Perthshire.

67. Guatemala Literacy & Anti-Violence Project - Guatemala City, Guatemala (Districts 4060, 4250) In partnership with the Guatemalan organisation Alianza Joven, Rotary clubs sponsored training for over 6,500 teachers and students in schools where bullying, gang activity and street violence are daily realities. Children were trained in techniques for deflecting aggression, developing leadership and making decisions that serve their communities. While implemented at secondary level, the project feeds directly from the primary school experience of service, citizenship and mutual respect that Guatemala's RotaKids-aligned clubs cultivate from age 7 - demonstrating what civic formation at the base of the Rotary youth pipeline can yield over time.

68. Rotary / Anti-Bullying Initiative - Iowa Quad Cities, USA (Districts 6000/6020) In 2022, four Rotary clubs across Davenport, Bettendorf, North Scott and Pleasant Valley joined forces to deliver the "Who Am I?" anti-bullying programme to 97 kindergarten classrooms - reaching children as young as 5 with messages of self-worth, uniqueness and kindness. Launched on National Stop Bullying Day, the programme provided every classroom with a book and a stuffed character to anchor ongoing conversations. Though delivered by adult Rotarians, this model of Rotary reaching into elementary schools to foster non-violence directly anticipates and complements the RotaKids/EarlyAct curriculum at the same age level.

69. FuturAct Clubs - Multi-Country Latin America (Districts 4380, 4400, 4170, 4980) Across Venezuela, Ecuador, Mexico and Uruguay, FuturAct programme explicitly list among their activities "training children to recognise the dignity and worth of each individual" - a

formulation taken directly from the EarlyAct/FuturAct founding mission. Peace education, respect for diversity, and opposition to bullying are structural values in the FuturAct programme in every country where it operates, taught through peer discussion, democratic club meetings and real service projects. In Latin America, where community violence and school bullying are significant public health concerns, the FuturAct civic formation model represents grassroots peace education from age 6.

70. Brampton & Longtown RotaKids Network - Cumbria, United Kingdom (District 1190)
Five primary schools mentored by Brampton & Longtown Rotary form a coordinated civic education cluster that collectively chooses beneficiaries, organises events and reports outcomes to the sponsoring Rotary club. In Autumn 2024 alone they raised over £1,250 for causes ranging from the British Heart Foundation to a children's hospice, to an animal sanctuary. The cluster model - multiple schools acting as a civic unit - mirrors the "Borderland" multi-school approach used so effectively in Shropshire and demonstrates that RotaKids is not just a club but a community-scale civic infrastructure for the youngest citizens in a local area.