

# Rotary partners with Habitat for Humanity

EVANSTON, IL (October 2, 2017) — More than 1 billion people around the world live in inadequate housing according to the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements. Through a partnership between **Rotary** and **Habitat for Humanity**, more will have access to safe and affordable housing across the globe.

The partnership will facilitate collaboration between local Rotary clubs and local Habitat for Humanity organizations, enabling Habitat to extend their volunteer pool by tapping into Rotary's 1.2 million members in 200 countries and regions.

"Habitat's aim to bring people together to build homes, communities and hope aligns perfectly with Rotary's commitment to make positive, lasting change in communities around the world," said Rotary General Secretary John Hewko. "With Habitat's expertise and the power of Rotary's volunteer network, we will help build the foundation for stronger communities."

"The values of our organizations are so closely aligned, and the desire to help others runs deep for both groups. That makes us such a perfect match," said Habitat for Humanity International CEO Jonathan T.M. Reckford. "So many Rotarians have worked alongside Habitat and the knowledge, experiences and connections that are so strong in local Rotary clubs will make them valuable Habitat partners in many communities worldwide."

Rotary members develop and implement sustainable projects that **fight disease, promote peace, provide clean water, support education, save mothers and**

**children** and **grow local economies**. These projects are supported by more than \$200 million awarded through Rotary's grants programs.

Habitat for Humanity joins a list of Rotary service **partners** including, the **International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, Peace Corps, Dollywood Foundation**, the **Global FoodBanking Network** and **Youth Service America (YSA)**.

## **About Rotary**

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work improves lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world.

## **About Habitat for Humanity**

Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity began in 1976 as a grassroots effort on a community farm in southern Georgia. The Christian housing organization has since grown to become a leading global nonprofit working in more than 1,300 communities throughout the U.S. and in more than 70 countries. Families and individuals in need of a hand up partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Through financial support, volunteering or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves. Through shelter, we empower. To learn more, visit [habitat.org](https://www.habitat.org).

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