

EMPOWERING GIRLS

A 2022-23 Presidential Initiative Zone 33/34 District Advocate Training





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The Empowering Girls Initiative

Through the Empowering Girls Initiative, Rotary members worldwide can enhance girls' safety, health, education, and well-being.

Why empower girls?

- Empowering Girls Respects Their Human Rights –
 empowered girls become empowered women
- Empowering Girls Lead To Healthier Families improvements to girls' education saved an estimated 2.1 million children between 1990 and 2009, because of improvements to girls' education
- Empowering Girls Breaks The Cycle Of Poverty –
 every additional year of school increases a girl's
 eventual wages by an average of 12 percent
- Empowering Girls Strengthens Economies —
 increasing the number of women completing
 secondary education by just 1 percent could
 increase a country's economic growth by 0.3 percent

Source: United Nations Foundation

WHAT CAN ROTARY DO?

Rotary clubs and districts can participate by creating and implementing projects that enhance the quality of life for girls and improves girls' chances of enjoying safe, healthy, and productive lives. They can also modify existing projects to include components that focus on empowering girls.

- Engage in an activity or provide resources that enhance the quality of girls' lives
- Integrate an activity of resources that enhance the lives of girls into an existing club project
- Use Rotary expertise, such as Rotary Action Groups, Peace Fellows and The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisors, to develop activities and identify needed resources
- Partner with community organizations with expertise in empowering girls
- Monitor and measure the impact of club activities
- Tell the story in the community, on social media and in Rotary Showcase









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PARTNERSHIP EXAMPLES



Spotlight Initiative

To eliminate violence against women and girls































RAG PARTNERSHIP EXAMPLES



Rotary Action Group for Reproductive, Maternal **RMCH** and Child Health





WATER - SANITATION - HYGIENE







TELL THE STORY









MEASURE POSITIVE IMPACT









REPORT RESULTS









Role of District Advocates

- **Encourage** Club leaders to engage in Empowering Girls Activities and provide resources that enable girls to become agents for positive change in their own lives.
- **Emphasize** the importance of community and Rotary partnerships when developing activities and identifying resources that enhance the lives of girls.
- **Create** awareness of success stories of club and district activities, especially those that engage community or Rotary partners.
- Connect Clubs with Empowering Girls informational resources and encourage engagement with Rotary expertise, such as Rotary Action Groups.
- We need success stories in Rotary Showcase and Social Media!
- **Tell your story** of empowerment.





Youth Protection

- Create awareness for <u>Rotary's Youth Protection Guide</u> and <u>Protecting Youth Programs Participants course in the Learning Center</u>.
- Be a connector to the Guide.
- Help Clubs to understand the importance of youth protection in Empowering Girls Activities.
- Encourage Club project participants to use the guide and Youth Protection course in the Learning Center.





Rotary is uniquely positioned in every community to change lives.

Win Win for Our Girls

- Government
- Business
- Advocacy/Education
- Philanthropy

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed individuals can change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that ever has."



Resources

Empowering Girls District Advocate role:

- Review overview document
- Advocate for girls' empowerment.
- Act as a resource for clubs and districts.
- Collect and distribute success stories.

Opportunities

- Visit the <u>RI President's page</u> to find ways to participate.
- Attend a <u>presidential conference</u>.
- Learn more about Rotary's comprehensive approach to <u>youth</u> <u>protection</u>.
- Visit the <u>Zones 33/34 website</u> and <u>Facebook group</u>.



Resources

Rotary Action Groups

- Find contact information on My Rotary.
- Connect with action groups that can help.

Rotary Showcase

- Find ideas for projects or ways to work with other clubs to empower girls.
- Tell your story add your service activity or project to the Empowering Girls Campaign at Empowering Girls.

Partnerships

Work with partners, such as, the <u>Global</u>
 <u>Partnership for Education</u>, on projects
 that increase girls' access to education.





Ways to Connect Zones 33/34 Schedule

- July 20th: District Advocate Training via Zoom
- Governor Elect Training Seminar (GETS) Training Moment
- Empower Girls Zones 33/34 Office Hours for any Rotarian and Rotatactor to attend.
 - We will highlight Zones 33/34 Club projects in Rotary Showcase, discuss ideas, updates, etc.
 - 2nd Wednesdays of the last month of each quarter at 10am (September 14th, December 14th, March 8th and June 14th)
- 3 Public Webinars during 2022-2023 Rotary year
- RI Convention Presentation | May 2023, Australia
- Club and District Conference Presentations





Next Steps: Jul – Sep 2022

- ➤ Highlight successful examples of clubs that have engaged in activity or provided resources to enhance the lives of girls.
- > Connect with club leaders to encourage club activities and share informational resources.
- ➤ Encourage and recognize clubs that develop Rotary and community partnerships for Empowering Girls activities.
- > Encourage clubs to enter activities in Rotary Showcase.
- ➤ Encourage clubs to highlight activities in local media and share on social media platforms.
- ➤ Connect with Zone support at our next Office Hours on September 14th at 10:00AM EST.





The legacy of empowering girls

The Empowering Girls initiative should be the start of Rotary making a lasting impact on a generation of girls.

We can make a difference in girls' lives by:

- Advocating for the public and private sectors to support girls
- Raising awareness of girls' needs in our communities, our social networks, and our partnerships — as we've done with our polio-eradication work





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