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# School 4 All in Africa



# **Over 90% of disabled children in Africa do not go to school. Our joint commitment can help change this.**

When disabled children do not go to school, their future can be bleak. Things we take for granted – earning a living, caring for our children, having a voice in our community – can become very difficult when you have no education.

To tackle this, Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland and Leonard Cheshire Disability are extending successful education programmes to Uganda and other parts of Africa. Reaching over 1,000 disabled children, we will support them to attend their local mainstream schools.

Since communities and government education teams are involved from the beginning, the schools will continue to support disabled children long after the projects officially end.



To make this happen, we work together with schools, local education authorities and communities to:

- Make classrooms, play areas, toilets and other facilities accessible for disabled children
- Adjust or change curriculum, teaching methods and materials to ensure that all children can learn, regardless of their disability
- Work with families and others in the community to increase the enrolment of disabled children and improve schools' resources
- Train over 80 teachers to respond flexibly and creatively to children's individual needs
- Ensure that children have access to ongoing rehabilitation and assessment services

Thanks to the support of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland to expand our work, this process of change will one day reach disabled children all over Africa.

# Other Opportunities to Support

- Friendship exchanges are encouraged
- Adoption of schools by Districts or Clubs
- Media opportunities

**Resource Kits** to supply the simple classroom resources, such as dictionaries, text books, pens and pencils which can give a child in Africa the best possible start in school life.

**Schools Packs** to highlight the plight of disabled children in Africa and other developing countries to school children in the UK and Ireland.

We welcome suggestions, innovation and feedback on how Rotary Clubs / Districts would like to be involved. Where it is also possible to further the objectives of Rotary, we will ensure this takes place.

There are so many opportunities to make a difference and in partnership we can reach our common goal.

## Could Your Club Help Make the Difference?

**£5,000** is what it would cost to make a school accessible for disabled children, including installing ramps, adapted toilets, enlarged windows and other school adaptations

### **Examples of what your contribution could provide include:**

- £1,000** provides 50 adapted desks for disabled children
- £800** supplies 2 adapted toilets costing £400 each including ramp, toilet, railing and pull rope
- £500** trains two teachers on inclusive education
- £250** supplies 5 ramps for wheelchair access into schools
- £100** provides learning materials for a disabled child i.e. abacus, reading lamp, tactile aids or a wheelchair
- £50** pays for 2 bicycles to facilitate two community health workers in outreach activities within the community

If donating clubs or districts wish to follow the Rotary Foundation Matching Grant route, they are invited to contact either their District Grants Officer, The RIBI Foundation Committee or Rotarian PDG Milton Frary who will be pleased to give guidance on the completion of applications.

'Rotary International in  
Great Britain and Ireland and  
Leonard Cheshire Disability  
are working to overcome  
the barriers facing disabled  
children, so that every child  
can go to school'

**Ian Thomson, President of RIBI 2008–2009**

# Make a Difference Today

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland and Leonard Cheshire Disability share a common goal: for every boy and girl with disabilities in Africa to get an education. With your help, we can reach it.

For details of how your District or Club can get involved, please contact your local Rotary representative or Helen White at Leonard Cheshire Disability.

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