



POSITIVE PEACE: PEACE MANAGERS TRAINING GRANT

Global Grant Opportunity for 2022: Creating Peaceful Environments in Colombian Schools and Beyond

In 2018, Utah Rotary and 32 Utah Rotary Clubs were the International sponsors of a successful Peace Training for Youth Global Grant in Southern Colombia.

In 2022, the Northern Colombia Rotary District asked Utah Rotary to be International Sponsor of their peace grant project and we are thrilled to contribute to this worthy project.

And we need your participation. Please review this flyer and contact us to join other 5420 clubs in making this impactful project a reality.

THE NEED

- Colombia recognizes the need to create a **cultural change** through teaching the next generation to be more peaceful in order to overcome a long history of social violence and to achieve **peaceful coexistence**. This is possible because at an early age people best learn to manage relationships and conflict situations in peaceful, non-violent ways.
- Cultural change towards peace is a process where **transformation of aggressive and intolerant behaviors** into creative generators of understanding, reconciliation, conversation and agreement happens.
- Because students are currently influenced by **domestic and social violence**, these behaviors show up at school. Colombian Rotarians are addressing an upsurge in fights between students, physical attacks, teasing, psychological violence, bullying and cyber bullying. These not only affect academic performance and school coexistence, but also generate school dropouts and suicides. These violent attitudes are carried into their adult lives where **they perpetuate the viciousness**.
- **This grant** provides the necessary tools to peacefully address the conflicts that are faced daily in schools, in a way that allows students to be creative, learning and growing as people in each **conflict resolution** process.

THE OPPORTUNITY

- Rotary can help shape the Colombian peace process by leveraging its networks and **engaging key educational stakeholders** - especially young Colombian peacemakers - to interact in more peaceful ways.

"I have never seen a group of people more full of energy and motivation to improve their society than the Colombian youth I met while participating in the 2018 Positive Peace Workshop in Bogota as a representative of District 5420. The workshop educated, forged bonds, and served as the catalyst for peace-building projects and programs that undoubtedly have promoted a culture of unity and peace throughout the country. I couldn't be happier to see that another grant project is occurring to add to the progress and momentum created by the first project. I am sure that this training will be successful in improving countless lives."

Brayden Fairbourn, Dual Member Midvalley Rotary and Midvalley Rotaract



- The **Peace Managers Training** puts into place a sustainable system for students, teachers, parents and other participants to build more peaceful ways of dealing with differences and interacting with one another.
- Colombians agree, teaching children new ways of interacting will build more resilient and peaceful communities. **Coexistence training** has gained significant traction, and District 4271 successfully completed a smaller Global Grant where they initiated this program in several schools, and now they wish to take it to schools throughout the Rotary District.
- **Best thing is**, it is a sizeable project with significant reach and impact, for a reasonable dollar amount.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- This project trains 20 **Mediation Trainers**
- Mediation Trainers will hold 4 **Training Workshops** with teachers at every school in the region.
- **Follow up training and support** for the teachers as they implement the program in their classrooms.
- The program will be branded with the campaign **I AM A MANAGER OF PEACE AND I COMMIT MYSELF.**
- **Students, teachers, parents and community leaders** will engage in a process of constructing a new civic culture focused on tolerance and the peaceful resolution of conflicts. They will learn to solve their differences in a peaceful way, through meetings and dialogues, in an atmosphere of respect and tolerance.
- The project will be implemented in **19 communities in northern Colombia**. The areas served are: Medellín, Apartado, El Carmen de Viboral, Bello, Itagüí, Envigado, Sabaneta, Barranquilla, Ciénaga, Montería, Santa Marta, Sincelejo, Cartagena, San José de Cúcuta, Los Patios, Villa del Rosario, Pamplona Ocaña, Bucaramanga, Barrancabermeja.
- The **direct beneficiaries** of this grant project will be **200 teachers, 300 student mediator leaders and 780 students, a total of 1,280 people**. Indirectly the impact on their families and nearby communities will be approximately **5,120 people**, with an expectation of farther reaching impact as they multiply knowledge.

Positive Peace Curriculum:

Values for coexistence

Communication skills as a fundamental factor in conflict prevention

Effective mediation

Prevention of bullying

Formulation of good treatment agreements in educational institutions



Project Budget: \$75,039

Funds Committed by:

District 4271 DDF \$6000

District 5420 DDF \$15,000

TRF DDF 80% Match \$16,800

District 5420 Clubs \$15,000*

From Other Rotary Districts \$22,239

*We need to raise at least \$15,000 from local clubs, businesses or individuals to receive District DDF funds. Consider making a tax-deductible donation today!

Please Come!

Attend Friday's Peace Breakout at District Conference or invite us to speak at your club!

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Peace is Possible
One Community at a Time

