



Last week we talked about numbers and the impact that having a basic education can have on an individual's life and their community. A few ideas were mentioned for you and your club to consider for your community. Have you thought about doing something like donating dictionaries or reading books? What about developing or helping an existing mentoring or adult literacy program? Beyond that, I want to share a few other programs that are worthy of your consideration:

1. The Free Reading Program began as a project of the Rotary Club of Scarborough. The program has earned recognition and awards at all levels of Rotary. 100% of donations are allocated to the provision of online, educational services. Learn more at: <https://www.edcomcenter.org/highlights/>
 - Over 300,000 children registered in the program
 - Over 5 Million learning activities completed
 - Over 1.7 Million hours of learning completed (equivalent of 3.4 Million books!)

Contact heather@edcomcenter.org to receive a project proposal. There are a variety of different options that include your own branded version of The Free Reading Program, custom links, graphics and support tools to help you reach those in need in your community and internationally.

2. DonorsChoose.org started in 2000 by a high school teacher in the Bronx, DonorsChoose empowers public school teachers from across the country to request much-needed materials and experiences for their students. It is easy for anyone to help a classroom in need. Irma and I have been donating to various Lakeland projects for 5 years! You can select a classroom nearby or across the country. Every project is vetted and you can see where your funds are going. DonorsChoose has the highest charity Navigator Rating (like our awesome Rotary Foundation!) Learn more at: <https://www.donorschoose.org/about>

I hope you will be inspired to take this opportunity and support an education or literacy project. You will make your community better and bring awareness to Rotary as #People of Action.

Yours in Rotary – DG Mark