

WASHINGTON GLOBAL CLUB ROTARIAN ROSE CARDARELLI APPOINTED AS ROTARY REPRESENTATIVE TO UNICEF

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Dr. Rose Cardarelli of the Washington Global Club has been appointed by Rotary International President Holger Knaack as a 2020-2021 Rotary International Representative to the United Nations and the United Nations Children's Fund, headquartered in New York City. Rotary Representatives to the United Nations and other organizations work to enhance Rotary's visibility and reputation within



the international community. Such Representatives also work to build strategic links with key international institutions that can help improve the quality and impact of the service activities of Rotary Clubs

and Districts. The dual goal of these actions is to foster friendship, develop relationships and to raise awareness of Rotary's mission and programs while also keeping Rotary informed of the organization's efforts and activities.

UNICEF operates in over 190 countries with the primary goal to put children first by providing them health care, immunizations, safe water, sanitation, nutrition, education, emergency relief and more. The eradication of polio is paramount to both Rotary and UNICEF and their parallel initiatives strive for a time when no child will die of a preventable cause and every child will have a safe and healthy childhood. The beneficial cooperation between Rotary and UNICEF is outlined here. Rose's work will focus on enhancing



the collaboration efforts between Rotary and UNICEF and helping both organizations achieve their goals.

At the Washington Global Club Chapter, Rose is assisting with the formation of the Rotary Action Group on Refugees and Migration, the Rotary Fellowship for Global Development Knowledge Briefs and program submissions to the UN in support of "UN75" objectives. In conjunction with an External Relations Team, Area of Focus Managers and UNICEF colleagues, Rose will develop a protocol handbook for the Global Collaborative Framework and a learning module to help Rotary clubs and Districts. Her efforts are integral to the seven areas of focus: Peace & Conflict Resolution, Disease Prevention & Treatment, Water & Sanitation, Maternal & Child Health, Education & Literacy, Economic & Community Development and Supporting the Environment.

Rose is a retired U.S. Army Medical Service Corps officer who commanded

the largest training battalion in the Army and the Wounded Warrior Brigade at Walter Reed Army Medical Center during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. She is a former Professor of Human Security at the National Defense University, where she facilitated strategic security education initiatives in over 33 countries. More recently, Rose has served as an education and medical advocate with OXFAM during the formation of the Global Compact on Refugees and as a partner with UNHCR for the Global Refugee Forum.

She also currently serves on several education boards, to include Childhood Education International, Kappa Delta Pi (the International Honor Society in Education) and the Fitchburg State University Alumni Association. She is a UN mentor and advisor for KDP educators and youth. She recently served as a member of the Executive Board of the UN's Global NGO Executive Committee supporting the Department of Global Communications and 1,500 NGOs at United Nations headquarters. She has led several education-related programs, panels and initiatives focused on migration and displaced children and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

Rose's passion is improving the lives of displaced children through increasing education opportunities. Her work has taken her to refugee and settlement camps around the globe, where she has witnessed firsthand the trauma of displaced youth. She is the President-elect of the Childhood Education International Board of Directors and the founder and CEO of the Education for All Coalition.