WHAT IS YSA?

Founded in 1986, YSA (Youth Service America) is a resource center that activates, funds, trains, and recognizes young people, ages 5-25, and their adult allies around the world in solving the world's greatest challenges. With YSA's programs young people strengthen their communities through awareness, service, advocacy, and philanthropy projects. YSA promotes to teachers, community organizations, media, and public officials that when young people serve their communities, they develop skills necessary to succeed in school, the workplace, and in life.

HOW CAN MY CLUB OR DISTRICT GET INVOLVED?

Together YSA and Rotary provide opportunities and free resources for young leaders, and promote the positive impact of youth service worldwide. Discover new ideas and resources for your next Interact, Rotaract or Rotary club service project. Apply for a YSA grant to start a new project or enhance your year-round youth service activities. Nominate your project for a service award to be recognized for your accomplishments. Get connected through YSA's network of other partner organizations around the world. Subscribe to YSA's e-newsletter to learn about upcoming training events, conferences, and webinars on youth service, service learning, and mentoring.

Participate in the largest service event in the world, Global Youth Service Day (GYSD)! Every year young leaders in over 100 countries on 6 continents come together to share their commitment to creating positive change. Download the toolkit in different languages to plan and promote a project to celebrate GYSD in your community. Report your GYSD project and select Rotary International as your partner organization to show the world how YSA and Rotary create positive change together. Visit the YSA Facebook page or follow @YouthService and #GYSD on Twitter to share your project ideas, experiences, and inspiration.

HOW CAN THIS PARTNERSHIP BE PROMOTED?

Promote YSA's opportunities at your club meeting, community outreach events, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) events, and local schools. Post your YSA service projects on Rotary Ideas and Rotary Showcase to find partners and inspire others to get involved. Share your stories on Facebook and Twitter, through club and district e-mails, e-newsletters, websites, and press releases to show how you empower youth through service. Email programs@rotary.org and your YSA service activity or GYSD project could be featured in our e-newsletter or Rotary Voices blog.

RESOURCES

Interact
Rotaract
RYLA
Rotary Youth Exchange
Rotary Community Corps
District Grants for Scholarships or Youth Service

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