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### 5<sup>th</sup> Nominee: Rotaract Club of Taylor's College Sri Hartamas [WINNER]

<b>Name of Project</b>	Colours of Africa: Beyond Horizons, GOLD Beneficiary Dinner
<b>Date of Project</b>	10 January 2015
<b>Brief Description</b>	<p>Colours of Africa: Beyond Horizons, GOLD Beneficiary Dinner is an initiative launched by RAC TCSH to fundraise for beneficiary Generation of Leaders Discovered (GOLD) that works in Sub-Saharan Africa. The organization rolls out a strategic peer education programme to tackle the root issues of HIV/AIDs and other youth-risk behaviors. It seeks to uplift the young generation stricken by social norms in Southern Africa, (namely South Africa, Zambia &amp; Botswana). These norms, including the emergence of the fatherless generation, HIV/AIDs, the widespread of substance abuses and skyrocketing suicide rates have become social obstacles to the development of this young generation in the region.</p> <p>The visionary initiative, in collaboration with the Leo Club of TCSH, was held at the Banquet Hall, Royal Lake Club on the 10 January 2015. The project received an overwhelming response that saw us sell 29 tables for the night and raising RM 26300 for the organization. There were 290 attendees all together.</p> <p>Beyond just raising funds and awareness, the project sought to portray Southern Africa not as a begging bowl stricken with poverty, but to show that it can become a reservoir flowing of hope and purposes.</p>
<b>Duration of Project</b>	One-time activity
<b>Alignment with Rotary's Area of Focus</b>	<p>Basic Education and Literacy, Economic and Community Development</p> <p>Southern Africa continues to face significant challenges in health, education, leadership and economic and social development. Youth make up 41% of the population and the majority grow up in challenged communities, lacking positive role models and parental support. The youth unemployment crisis is made worse by the fact that many school leavers are simply 'unemployable' and lack the character and skills required to succeed in the workplace. Africa is full of extraordinary opportunities that depend on how we respond and invest in young people now. Youths are our greatest resource. Harnessing this raw power is not a quick process but the reward in the end is phenomenal.</p> <p>Our beneficiary's dream is to grow young African leaders with character and integrity to mobilise their generation with the tools and support to complete their education and go on to reach their full potential, despite obstacles such as poverty, inadequate education, unemployment, orphanhood and HIV. GOLD is playing a pivotal role in building human and social capital in communities in South Africa, Zambia and Botswana with groundwork into Zimbabwe and Mozambique. GOLD is supporting education in these circumstances while equipping them with tangible skills and character attributes to contribute towards positive changes in their schools and communities through implementation of a tried and tested youth 'character development, behaviour change and leadership' model using the methodology of GOLD peer education</p>
<b>Alignment with Rotaract Goals</b>	<p>Provide opportunities for young people to address the needs and concerns of the community and our world</p> <p>When the project was first pitched, it was an idealistic project with a committee of only 5 people (4 Rotaractors, 1 Leo). Soon, members of the club participated and formed different teams for the project – Marketing, Sales, Talent, Finance &amp; Creative Teams. The project saw the mobilization of youths all over TCSH. 2 weeks before the event, every corner of the college was hogged by youths either practicing tirelessly or preparing diligently for the event</p>

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	<p>Through the project, much new talents were discovered. The performers hadn't known one another before the event. During the event, they formed a powerful Acapella that deserved standing ovations. The emcees, were inexperienced students that proved to be a formidable combination who never failed to entertain us the night throughout. The designs &amp; aesthetics of the night were done by Rotaractors out of sheer creativity and talent. Teachers, staff, even our Principal voiced a collectively support for the project. It was the whole college in action</p> <p>This mobilization happened not because Rotaract Club of TCSH had the experience nor the reputation of successful projects. The club was newly revamped and still facing uncertainties and instability. The mobilization of talents and people happened because there was a core centrality of a great cause uniting us all. All of us knew that the outcome was to address the needs and concerns of the community and our world. It was not for ourselves, but rather for the young Africans miles away</p>
<p><b>Impact &amp; sustain ability</b></p>	<p>Through this initiative and our monetary support, we will be able to help the organisation support youth in Southern Africa to have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased life skills</li> <li>• Improved academic performance</li> <li>• Increased healthy relationships among the youth</li> <li>• Increased HIV and AIDS knowledge</li> <li>• Improved access to community services that support youth</li> <li>• Increased community upliftment activities driven by youth</li> <li>• Decreased gender violence amongst youth</li> <li>• Increase in the number of youth taking up leadership positions</li> <li>• Decreased behavioural or discipline problems at school</li> <li>• Decreased teen pregnancy</li> <li>• Decreased substance abuse</li> <li>• Improved attendance at school</li> </ul>
<p><b>Creativ ity and Innovat ion</b></p>	<p>This project seemed impossible in the beginning because we were trying to pull of a project to support a cause 5000 miles away. Through careful planning and execution of ideas, we pulled it off.</p> <p>The event hall was decorated with African-themed decorations. All of them were made by members of the Rotaract Club. There were self-painted African banners, fairy lights, an African-themed painted by our member and more that brought out the best of the African-themed atmosphere.</p> <p>Organising Chairperson, Joshua Low spoke heavily on the cause during the night. He shared about his own personal experiences in Southern Africa and raised important awareness issues in Southern Africa. He sent out a rallying call for members of the public to take heed of the voices of the youths in Southern Africa and to join him in this cause of believing that young people are the greatest resource of our generation.</p> <p>The performers were handpicked by the organizers and pulled off a tremendous performance. None of the performers knew each other before the event, but through the event they were rallied to perform for this great cause. They also performed special African piece "Oh Li Li Zela" and "Si Zo Hamba Kan Tane". Lastly, the audience were treated with a special closing performance – We Found Love (Africanized)</p> <p>The audience were in awe by the string of performances and praised the hard work students took to carefully plan each and every component of the night.</p>
<p><b>Partici pation from membe</b></p>	<p>76% to 100%</p>

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<b>Collaboration with Interact &amp; Rotary or other Rotaract Clubs</b>	This project was supported by the Sponsoring Club Rotary Club of Selayang & Rotary Club of Ampang. Impressed by the initiative's vision to support Africa and her past experiences working in the region through the Rotary Club, PP Fiona of the Rotary Club of Ampang graciously donated RM 1000 towards the project.
<b>Participation by Rotaractors, Interactors and Rotarians from Other Clubs</b>	Sponsoring Club Rotary Club of Selayang, Members of District 3300, Rotaract Club of ATC, Bangsar attended the event.
<b>Participation of members of the public</b>	The project was backed heavily by the principal, teachers, staff and students of TCSH. Corporates such as Life Insurance, Lions Club of Kuala Lumpur Sentul, Ban Chuan Coffee SDN BHD, Qarunia Resources, Lifecare Diagnostic Medical Centre were a few of the key sponsors for the event. The event was covered by BRATs of the Star Newspaper and The Beacon of Taylor's College Sri Hartamas.
<b>Overall Impact</b>	<p>The project was timely as the beneficiary was hit hard by the economic crisis and the donated funds proved to be a substantial amount for the organization to continue their great work in that region.</p> <p>It brought a huge shift in mentality to the general public of the perception that Southern Africa will always be in hardship and poor. The night was a portrayal of hope and a portrayal that the countries in Southern Africa can one day become developed through the emergence of purposeful young leaders.</p> <p>More so, the project was organised under a shoestring budget and within a short two months. It was one of the key projects that saw so many Rotaractors partake in despite the infancy age of the Rotaract Club of Taylor's College Sri Hartamas. Everyone contributed differently through their talents and gifts and this project brought the teamwork spirit out of many of us.</p> <p>The project saw a strong combination of youth idealism and youth pragmatism at work. It made the Rotaract Club of Taylor's College Sri Hartamas realize its potential of being a driver within communities both locally and internationally. The club believes that the project saw the rallying of people towards a central cause that was both unifying to all of us at the same time. It showed us that despite our age and inexperience, with tenacity and hard work, we can make a huge difference in the lives of the people we connect with. It was inspirational to many of us.</p>
<b>Link to Photos</b>	<p>Facebook:  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.374354606076442.1073741834.325377227640847&amp;type=1">https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.374354606076442.1073741834.325377227640847&amp;type=1</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.369563803222189.1073741833.325377227640847&amp;type=3">https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.369563803222189.1073741833.325377227640847&amp;type=3</a></p>

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Nominee: Rotaract Club of Bangsar

<b>Name of Project</b>	Medical Camp 2015
<b>Date of Project</b>	22 March 2015
<b>Brief Description</b>	<p>This camp was conducted in S.J.K.(T) Sentul, Kuala Lumpur from 9.30am till 2.30pm. The main objective of this medical camp was to provide free medical care for the underprivileged. We established the common infant and childhood disease in the area and the associated predisposing risk factor and treat common illness among the children. Besides that, we empowered the children in managing their own health by providing health education and basic needs of healthcare such as toothbrush and toothpaste. Our activities were height and weight check, BMI calculation, eye check, blood pressure check, and random blood glucose check.</p> <p>Each child was assigned for a personal health check with doctors individually, after which we distributed vitamins (vit C, B complex) and necessary medicine (eye drops, anti histamines, antibiotics). Referral letter to nearest General Hospital was given to all the children who needed immediate attention and care and referral letter to optician for 52 children who needed eye check and most probably spectacles.</p> <p>6 doctors and 2 pharmacist from Temple of Fine Arts, helped us in this project by conducting personal health check and distributing medicines. Breakfast and lunch was sponsored by Polis DiRaja Malaysia while the transportation for the kids from their respective home to our venue was sponsored by Superior Voyage Sdn. Bhd.</p>
<b>Duration of Project</b>	Annual activity
<b>Alignment with Rotary's Area of Focus</b>	<p><i>Disease Prevention and Treatment, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, Economic and Community Development</i></p> <p>The medical camp's main intention was to prevent and treat diseases among the young aged. We had a thorough medical check up for each of the children. We targeted maternal and child health, thus this camp was organized for newborn children up to the age of 16. For the aspect of basic education and literacy, we had a different approach in which we didn't focus on book-based education, but we educated them on health matters. The children were more aware of their personal health. We also thought few ways to take care of their body and health. We promoted economic and community development, by developing the community's interest and knowledge regarding health care.</p>
<b>Alignment with Rotaract Goals</b>	<p><i>Provide opportunities for young people to address the needs and concerns of the community and our world.</i></p> <p>We provided a platform for the young people to address the needs and concerns of our community and the world in all matters regarding health care and service.</p>
<b>Impact &amp; sustainability</b>	<p>The project brought about a positive impact in the children's life. The care takers also were educated on how to take care of the children and how to provide them with nutrition rich food. The children were very happy to get to know better about their body and health status. This project has a very high sustainability because providing knowledge and educating the children is a one time process. Once the knowledge is given, the children can use it</p>

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	life long. The impact of the health education that we have provided them will be there throughout the child's life.
<b>Creativity and Innovation</b>	Our project is creative because, there has never been any medical camp done before in the Klang Valley area that targets underprivileged children. We have put into a lots of creative thinking in gathering all the 220 children from 7 different homes in a common ground and doing
<b>Participation from members</b>	76% to 100%
<b>Collaboration with Interact &amp; Rotary or other Rotaract Clubs</b>	There were participation from 3 Rotaract Clubs which are RAC Petaling Jaya, RAC Sunway University, and RAC AIMST. Volunteers from these clubs helped us out in conducting the basic medical checks and to keep an eye on the children.
<b>Participation by Rotaractors, Interactors and Rotarians from Other Clubs</b>	There were participation from 3 Rotaract Clubs which are RAC Petaling Jaya, RAC Sunway University, and RAC AIMST. Volunteers from these clubs helped us out in conducting the basic medical checks and to keep an eye on the children.
<b>Participation of members of the public</b>	A total of 220 children and caretakers from 7 different homes participated in our project. Those homes are Pusat Jagaan Kanak-Kanak Satu Jiwa, Rumah kebajikan anbu illam, Rumah kebajikan karunai illam, Persatuan kebajikan sweet care, Pusat jagaan An-Najjah, Pusat Jagaan Nuri, Siva Sakthi Samaj Seva Sangam. Few police officers from Ibu Pejabat Polis Daerah Sentul also participated and contributed in making this project a successful one.
<b>Overall Impact</b>	This project was mainly done to serve the community and their needs. Health is an important component of life. This project is not a one off project. The education that we have provided will last for life long and will bring about a big change in each individual life. Along with Rotary's goals, we have helped in disease prevention and treatment. We have helped in identifying health problems among these children and also find a way to treat it. So, we belief that our project has brought about a great impact and is really meaningful.
<b>Link to Photos</b>	<p><a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AU7vMnV7IkXwglT-b3sF_3jcesMuLR8vCYITfnza2rw/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AU7vMnV7IkXwglT-b3sF_3jcesMuLR8vCYITfnza2rw/edit?usp=sharing</a></p> <p><a href="http://racbangsar.blogspot.com/2015/05/medical-camp-2015.html">http://racbangsar.blogspot.com/2015/05/medical-camp-2015.html</a></p>

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Nominee: Rotaract Club of Sunway University**

<b>Name of Project</b>	Give a Gift
<b>Date of Project</b>	20 December 2014
<b>Brief Description</b>	This project was carried out to have Christmas Lunch Celebration with the children in Royal Priesthood Care Center, Prior that, our committee had pre-visited the center to find out what Christmas presents the children wish to have for their Christmas. Along with Project Gratitude, our Rotaract Club have set up a booth to collect donation from the public, mainly Sunway University Students, to allow us to prepare the presents requested previously by the children. On that day itself, we started by having game session with the children and this went through well that all of us had so much fun playing with each other. The bonding time never ends there as we have one of our committee with her guitar leading the children to sing with us after lunch session. Then, there comes the highlight of the project, where we distributed the Christmas presents to all the children. Some got their bicycles, racing cars and even indian jewelry.
<b>Duration of Project</b>	Annually
<b>Alignment with Rotary's Area of Focus</b>	Economic and Community Development  Develop the community by instilling the idea of the importance to put themselves in the community work. The nominated project aims to instill the responsibility and heartiness on themselves.
<b>Alignment with Rotaract Goals</b>	Provide opportunities for young people to address the needs and concerns of the community and our world  By participating in this project, the people had the chance to approach the orphans and get to know them more. Knowing that the education and things the people have may be luxuries for the children. The people get the chance to entertain the children and even provide education
<b>Impact &amp; sustainability</b>	By participating in this project, they will realize how they could brighten up the children's day by some small little efforts of them. How a simple companion from us means so much to the orphans.
<b>Creativity and Innovation</b>	A simple Christmas Lunch Celebration would be normal but the idea of being a Santa giving out the presents which the children had ask for during Christmas is incredibly smart I would think.
<b>Participation from members</b>	51% - 75%
<b>Collaboration with Interact &amp; Rotary or other Rotaract Clubs</b>	Rotaract Club of Bangsar recommended the Child Center to our committee. They sent some volunteers as well.
<b>Participation by Rotaractors, Interactors and Rotarians from Other Clubs</b>	There were a few Rotaractors from Rotaract Club of Bangsar, Klang and Segi KL. One of the rotaractor from Rotaract Club of Petaling Jaya joined us in the nominated project as well.
<b>Participat</b>	All the Christmas presents for the children were sponsored by fund raising from

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<b>ion of members of the public</b>	the public.
<b>Overall Impact</b>	The project totally fits the criteria of Community Service and it involves not only our Club members but also the public. We believe that this project has brought lots of blessings to the children. It was a true success and we are definitely proud that we have organised this project on our own.
<b>Link to Photos</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10203947681513843&amp;set=gm.772141782869936&amp;type=1&amp;theater">https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10203947681513843&amp;set=gm.772141782869936&amp;type=1&amp;theater</a>

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Nominee: Rotaract Club of Pudu

<b>Name of Project</b>	Touch A Life
<b>Date of Project</b>	5 July 2014
<b>Brief Description</b>	<p>Epharatha Home (the Home) was established in 2005 and registered under the ROS, but it was not granted the NGO status, thus no access to government subsidy.</p> <p>Rotaract Club of Pudu ("Rac Pudu") was approached by Mr. Primus to help out the Home in April'14. From the first visit to the Home, Rac Pudu has put in utmost effort to ensure the kids would have a better future, hence a series of activities were carried out such as replenishing the Home's necessities; fulfilling some daily exercise equipment, as well as securing a sponsor to fill up their daily staple food when needed.</p> <p>Given majority of the kids are range from 5-15 years old which is the golden age to develop their rights fundamental to their beliefs and unified in principle and purpose towards achieving their dream. Hence, the KidZania outing came about- a place where the kids are encouraged to learn through role-playing activities with 90 professions where they will learn to face some of the scenarios during adult life. This provides a way to positively influence how children relate and respond to an environment.</p> <p>We managed to secure sponsorship from KidZania to sponsor 29 kids and 15 volunteers for this visit while food and transport were paid by Rac Pudu &amp; volunteers. On top of that, we also managed to gather a total of 14 members, 8 volunteers &amp; 1 Rotarian with each child is assigned to 1 care taker.</p>
<b>Duration of Project</b>	One-time activity
<b>Alignment with Rotary's Area of Focus</b>	<p>Basic Education and Literacy</p> <p>KidZania established the platform for children to build their own ambitions. It is a place where children can form a like-minded community, which lead to the creation of a nation, their own government and nationalistic symbols to celebrate their unity. It inspires children to have a dream to create something better. Unencumbered by race, religion, or culture, a world full of opportunities where children can assert themselves and be responsible by learning and experiencing the challenges of life. Though children from Ephratha Home may be less fortunate than others, they should not be deprived from inspiration and ambition that may propel them to make greater things out of their personal experiences. Through this project, we have given them a brief insight as to what the future may hold for them, we believe that we are contributing to one of Rotary's goals, that is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy.</p>
<b>Alignment with Rotaract Goals</b>	<p>Emphasise respect for the rights of others and to promote ethical standards and dignity for all useful professions</p> <p>In view of the limited resources available to the home, the children are lacked of exposure to different kind of occupation and actual responsibilities, hence the project provided a platform for children to reach out to their dream careers and at the same time make them understand the need of education and given them the idea of earn for living. . Given the majority of the kids are at which range from 5-15 which is the golden age to develop their rights fundamental to their beliefs and unified in principle and purpose towards achieving their dream. The right to be, the right to know, the right to care, and the right to play.</p>
<b>Impact &amp; sustainability</b>	KidZania offers the children an amusing set of stimulant and educational activities. These activities were designed to evoke values such as independence, leadership, self-esteem, creativity, cooperation and team spirit.

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	By bringing the children to KidZania, the children have been exposed to health, environment, recycling, traffic prevention, accident prevention, renewable energies, energy efficiency, innovation and so on which can help them to be more responsible towards the environment with a range of fun, eco-friendly practices. It also helps in strengthening their ability to reach their potential as productive, engaged, and capable citizens, contributing fully to their families and societies.
<b>Creativity and Innovation</b>	This project sets expectations, exposing the children to variety of occupation and enabling time to identify their ambition. As KidZania imitates the city life because it is believed to help children develop better coping mechanisms with the challenges of the real world and the KidZania experience will impart valuable life skills among the 29 children that they would carry on in their lifetime. Instead of giving them what can be learned from the classroom, Rotaract Club of Pudu explore them to the “real” world.
<b>Participation from members</b>	51% to 75%
<b>Collaboration with Interact &amp; Rotary or other Rotaract Clubs</b>	This project is entirely organized by Rotaract Club of Pudu, but with participation from Rotary and Rotaractor from other clubs.
<b>Participation by Rotaractors, Interactors and Rotarians from Other Clubs</b>	There were 14 Rotaractors from Rotaract Club of Pudu, 1 Rotaractor from Rotaract Club of Subang, and 1 Rotarian participated in this project.
<b>Participation of members of the public</b>	7 volunteers
<b>Overall Impact</b>	<p>The children of today and tomorrow are central to sustainable development and the future of our planet and all its inhabitants. All too often in practice, however, the issues of children are seen only as a “social” issue – while their education and rights are also inextricably linked to ensuring economic growth and shared prosperity, a protected natural environment and more stable, safer societies. Overlooking their role is to the peril of us all, the communities in which we live and to the planet.</p> <p>Children are shapers of and shaped by the world around them. When a child does not receive a quality education, will that child be able to fulfil their potential and responsibilities as a parent, an employee or entrepreneur, a consumer, a citizen? In many cases, the answer is “no” and that denies that individual child his or her rights, but also deprives the entire human family of the intellectual, social and moral benefits that derive from the fulfilment of these rights.</p> <p>Therefore, this requires adults today making development decisions that are good for the children. The “Touch a Life” project is the best example of how making an investment to the children can create a sustainable society in the future. After the visitation to KidZania, we believe that at least 29 children’s voices, choices and participation will be heard in shaping the sustainable future that we want.</p>

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**4<sup>th</sup> Nominee: Rotaract Club of Gombak**

<b>Name of Project</b>	Hero: A Comic Book Experience
<b>Date of Project</b>	8 March 2015
<b>Brief Description</b>	This is a charity play event organised by members of RAC Gombak in conjunction with the International Islamic University Malaysia Theater Club to raise funds for the children of Rumah Kebajikan Kasih Murni needs.
<b>Duration of Project</b>	One-time activity
<b>Alignment with Rotary's Area of Focus</b>	None.
<b>Alignment with Rotaract Goals</b>	Provide opportunities for young people to address the needs and concerns of the community and our world  Through the main theme of the play, "A hero comes in many ways" it emphasizes that there is an inner hero inside of everyone, and no matter how big or small, each good deed they do can help others in big ways.
<b>Impact &amp; sustainability</b>	The message that a hero comes in many ways and with great power comes great responsibilities is prominent in the play and the message is spread to the viewers of the play.  Due to the unique nature of the project, the club members can be creative and come up with ideas and different kinds of plays to raise funds.
<b>Creativity and Innovation</b>	The project uses the method through a stage play in order to raise funds which is not commonly organised by a Rotaract Club and also this project uses the skills and resources available to the Rotaractors as they have the skill and knowledge in stage plays.
<b>Participation from members</b>	76% to 100%
<b>Collaboration with Interact &amp; Rotary or other Rotaract Clubs</b>	None
<b>Participation by Rotaractors, Interactors and Rotarians from Other Clubs</b>	None
<b>Particip</b>	Members of respective production houses of the University assisted the members

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<b>ation of members of the public</b>	from the planning to the execution and completion of the project by lending their skills and expertise in regards to organizing a stage play.
<b>Overall Impact</b>	The nature of the project is unique as it is not often to find Rotaract members and the public come together to plan and put on a charity play to raise funds which garnered full house attendance on both performing nights and also to follow up with the community service aspect of the project.
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**6<sup>th</sup> Nominee: Rotaract Club of Subang**

<b>Name of Project</b>	Project Vision
<b>Date of Project</b>	14 March 2015
<b>Brief Description</b>	<p>Phase 1 (14th Mar 2015):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eyes charts were used for initial screening.</li> <li>- Teach children how to take care of their eyes.</li> <li>- Models/ Figurines were creatively created using plasticin.</li> <li>- Sing along with the children.</li> <li>- Light breakfast/ tea break.</li> </ul> <p>Phase 2 (21st Mar 2015):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Optometrist (ex- Rotarian) examined eyes and chose the suitable lens.</li> <li>- Children, parents and teachers chose their preferable spectacle frame.</li> <li>- To save time, children from Batu 14 were transported to Tesco Puchong for checking.</li> </ul>
<b>Duration of Project</b>	Ongoing and long-term activity
<b>Alignment with Rotary's Area of Focus</b>	<p>Disease Prevention and Treatment</p> <p>Project Vision focuses at the eyes disease prevention and treatment for Myanmar refugees. Preliminary eyes checked up enable volunteers to identify refugees with vision difficulties. Further diagnosis is done by qualify optometrist. Next, treatment is given by providing spectacles. If there is any suspected disease that needs surgery or doctors, we will raise funds for it</p>
<b>Alignment with Rotaract Goals</b>	<p>Provide opportunities for young people to address the needs and concerns of the community and our world</p> <p>This project provided opportunities for young people to address the needs and concerns of the community and our world in the area of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Health. Having a good eyes sight is crucial as it is one of important senses in human beings and a tragedy to lose. By helping those in needs, volunteers themselves will appreciate what they have and constantly be reminded to practice healthy lifestyle.</li> <li>2) Myanmar Refugees. Many of public volunteers do not understand what is refugees. Thus, with this project, volunteers were more understand and aware of the needs of the children. It is because they have the opportunity to visit first hand to their school and see the condition themselves.</li> </ol> <p>Also this project provided opportunities for working in cooperation with sponsoring Rotary Clubs of Subang where they prepared and distributed light breakfast to the children. Also, to accompany and playing with the children.</p>
<b>Impact &amp; sustainability</b>	<p>Impact on Myanmar Refugees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clear vision enables them to read and learn new knowledge from the teacher more effectively.</li> <li>- More efficient in doing daily routine.</li> <li>- More confident.</li> <li>- Avoid accident at indoor and outdoor</li> </ul> <p>Impact on Participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aware of the needs of Myanmar refugees and their conditions.</li> <li>- Encourage more participants to volunteer in next project.</li> </ul> <p>Sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This project was planned to carry out 2 years once. This was the second time since it has been started 2 years ago.</li> </ul>

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	<p>- All the data of the pre- screening was kept for follow up purpose in the future.          - Basic eyes care were also teach to the children so they can take good care of their eyes.</p>
<b>Creativity and Innovation</b>	<p>To occupy the waiting time for eyes checking, another objective of this project is to instill and discover the creativity in children.          Activity: Children were given only one color of plasticin to build a model based on theme given. You could observed that with the same theme, different colors, shapes and sizes of figurines were made which promote creativity and sharing values.</p>
<b>Participation from members</b>	51% to 75%
<b>Collaboration with Interact &amp; Rotary or other Rotaract Clubs</b>	None
<b>Participation by Rotaractors, Interactors and Rotarians from Other Clubs</b>	<p>Taking Part in the pre- screening Phase 1:</p> <p>RAC Subang Honorary members- James &amp; Sanjeev          RC Subang- President Siva, Shirley, Raj and Suresh          RAC Sunway- Shin Loong          Interactors Sri UCSI- Daniel, Wai Xing, Edmond</p> <p>Sponsorship:</p> <p>RC Penang- Kelvin Thum          RAC KJ- SK          RAC Gombak- Jamie Tan          RAC Subang Honorary members- Aaron Tang</p>
<b>Participation of members of the public</b>	<p>Taking Part in the pre- screening Phase 1:</p> <p>Cisco company- Samantha &amp; Daniel Soo          Guest- Ho Mun Mun, Keerthna, Calista (Now is Subang member) &amp; Lim Vi Vian</p> <p>Sponsorship:</p> <p>Julie Tan, Liew Wei Long, Dalbir Singh (Cisco), Angelina Lim, Teng Yu He and Toh Ee Fe</p>
<b>Overall Impact</b>	<p>This project is crucial in ensuring Myanmar refugees deserve the rights to have clear vision. Having clear vision is important in facilitating the learning process of children. It aids in visual learning so children can cope during classes. Thus, children will be more confidence and will not be felt left out. Besides, to be able to write and read also increase their chances to be settle down at US. 67% of participants were from other Rotaract clubs, Rotarian, interactors, and public volunteer who help in the pre- screening session. The first-hand experience will helps in raising awareness and support for future projects. Besides, this project was also funded 100% by the public and Rotaractors from other clubs. In total, 88 refugees consisting of children, parents and teachers benefit from the project. 17 of them who need eyes aid received free spectacles.</p>
<b>Link to Photos</b>	<p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.685888391544956.1073741867.235903799876753&amp;type=1">https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.685888391544956.1073741867.235903799876753&amp;type=1</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/sanj कुमार/media_set?set=a.10152804299082972.1073741838.501737971&amp;type=1">https://www.facebook.com/sanj कुमार/media_set?set=a.10152804299082972.1073741838.501737971&amp;type=1</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/702381766557087/">https://www.facebook.com/events/702381766557087/</a></p>

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**7<sup>th</sup> Nominee: Rotaract Club of Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS**

<b>Name of Project</b>	Tales from Home
<b>Date of Project</b>	8 March 2014
<b>Brief Description</b>	<p>Tales from Home is a project which we collect old storybooks of appropriate genre, Ex: Children based storybook. These collected books would be donated to the targeted hospital, Hospital Raja Permaisuri Bainun (HRPB), and Pantai Hospital Ipoh, so that children will be able to enjoy FREE books for their daily entertainment.</p> <p>On event day, our facilitators approached the children ward with permission from the hospital to donate the storybooks we collected. We read the storybooks to the children and engaged with them. Besides, the facilitators also carried out origami session, colouring sessions, role-playing session, and heart to heart talk with the kids that were hospitalized.</p> <p>This project was primarily to provide substantial emotional support to child patients in the hospital, to improve their state of mind. Nevertheless, to develop the habit of reading among children these days. Volunteers also acknowledged the need of taking good care of their health.</p>
<b>Duration of Project</b>	Annual Activity
<b>Alignment with Rotary's Area of Focus</b>	<p>Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy</p> <p>The project 'Tales from Home' aligned with the rotary's area of focus of Maternal and Child Health as this project provides substantial emotional support to the children in hospital. With the lack of physical strength, we hope to bring happiness and joy for them could help to improve their state of mind and in turn, their state of health. Through the programs and activities held, the child patients will have interaction and communication with us that will make them feel more needed and warm to cope with the emotional stress they are facing as well as having fun in the process.</p> <p>This project also aligned with Basic Education and Literacy as the facilitators of the event, teach and read along with the child patients in the respective hospitals. Books that we brought over to the hospitals are carefully selected by our Rotarian advisor and organizing committee members. Books collected are Children Storybooks and Revision Books collected and bought. We also gave away the books to their respective family members.</p>
<b>Alignment with Rotaract Goals</b>	<p>Provide opportunities for young people to address the needs and concerns of the community and our world</p> <p>Children are future leaders of the world. Balance growth is very important whether emotionally, physically or psychologically. With the lack of normal physical growth, 'Tales from Home' sees the need of boosting the emotional and psychological needs of child patients in the hospitals. With a positive mentality, it is proven that it will helps physical growth and in turn, achieving balance growth. Nevertheless, it brings these children to see more possibilities in their life. We involved facilitators consisting of Rotaractors and UTP students to engage and fellowship with the child patients in hopes of cheering the children up. Besides, the books we brought consists of moral values that are essential for children's learning. The facilitators are separated into groups are free to conduct their own session with the children freely and properly.</p>
<b>Impact &amp; sustainability</b>	<p>Impact</p> <p>Tales from Home brought positive impacts on both the child patients and members from the club that involved in the project. Firstly, the child patients</p>

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	<p>were filled with joy after the visit. They had new friends amidst feeling unwell. We were able to develop their interest of reading. They love the books we brought and were eager to read finish the books.</p> <p>On the other hand, the participating members also were exposed to the real scenario of weak patients and those in needs. Hence, a compassionate heart has been built up. Besides that, they also learn to be more aware of what they have in life and are more appreciating to their own life. Lastly, leadership skill can also be developed among the organizing committee members throughout the planning and execution of the project.</p> <p>Sustainability We paste our Rotaract logo and club name in the books we distributed as a remembrance of that event. During this event, we also taught child patients handicrafts and had created a poster out of the handicrafts they made. We gave it as a gift to the hospital and they promise to paste it at their board to remind the child patients of the friends they made during the event throughout their stay in the hospital. With this, memories were made and stayed.</p>
<p><b>Creativity and Innovation</b></p>	<p>'Tales from Home' means stories from home. We acknowledged that child patients who are supposed to have wonderful child memories in school and at home had to suffer weak body conditions in the hospitals. With their physical conditions decrementing, we believe that it is of utmost importance to support them emotionally. Since these child patients couldn't be at home and play, we bring home to them. Storybooks remind us of home, where parents get to read us to sleep. The organizing committee members organized a pre-event which is 'Book Drive Week' to collect books for children so that every members of the society could play a part in helping the children patients. The books we collected though some aren't age appropriate, we sold it and buy new children books with the budget we collected.</p> <p>We did not constrain the participation of anyone in regard of their membership in RACUTP as long the people is passionate enough to join the project. A facilitator engagement session has been conducted before the event day to build good relationship among facilitators in par of Rotaract's motto "Fellowship through service". This session managed to guide facilitators to put themselves in the shoes of the child patients.</p> <p>On the event day, we managed to engage well with the child patients by not only reading storybooks to them, but we also carried out various activity with the child patients such as origami session, colouring session, role-playing session, and heart to heart talk with them.</p>
<p><b>Participation from members</b></p>	<p>1% - 25%</p>
<p><b>Collaboration with Interact &amp; Rotary or other Rotaract Clubs</b></p>	<p>We collaborated with Interact club of MGS. We invited Interact Club of MGS to help out our pre-event Book Drive Week. They help promoted among their interact club as well as school.</p>
<p><b>Participation by Rotaractors, Interactors and Rotarians from Other Clubs</b></p>	<p>The organizing committees had organized a pre-event alongside of 'Tales from Home', that is our 'Book Drive Week' from the 29th June 2014 to 5th July 2014. This pre-event was organized to collect old age-appropriate storybooks specifically UTP Students and donate these books to the hospitals we visited during 'Tales from Home'. We have involved Interact Club of Methodist Girl School (MGS), an Ipoh Secondary school in this event. We successfully collected 167 books, however, included non-age appropriate magazines and books. We resolved this issue by selling non-age appropriate books to a second hand book store; 'Novel Hut' situated at Ipoh Parade and</p>

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	<p>buying second hand children storybooks from the store itself. This event had met its target and foster team spirit among organizing committees in reaching their goals besides bridging the relationship between our university Rotaractors with the secondary school Interactors from MGS.</p>
<b>Participation of members of the public</b>	<p>From 27th July 2014 to 1st August 2014, we had open registration for facilitators/volunteers from students from UTP. The chances for becoming the facilitators/volunteers will be given priority to members of RACUTP, however we accept the members of the public as well. Due to the hospital restrictions, we are only allowed to have a maximum of 15 volunteers in Hospital Raja Permaisuri Bainun, Ipoh and maximum 7 volunteers in Hospital Fatimah, Ipoh. There are no criteria set for facilitators' recruitment but we did not accept sick volunteers. We have recruited 12 volunteers including community service avenue committees and club president, Choo Ee Huey.</p>
<b>Overall Impact</b>	<p>Young generations are pillars of our nation. They are important just like everyone of us, Rotaractors are all important. We all have life experiences that build us of what we are right now and all these experiences are brought up since childhood.</p> <p>Childhood is the most important stage, we had fun, we learnt and we grow stronger. These children in the hospitals had their memories stay in the hospital; scars were not just on their health, but on their emotional support too.</p> <p>Tales from Home had not just provided substantial emotional support to them, we brought new friends to them, we created a little colour amidst their grey days in the hospital. They also get to learn new things like handicraft and reading their new books. We also gave them a platform to demonstrate their talents and their ambitions. We have had a child patient who dreams to be an artist. It was really heart-warming to acknowledge and witness her coloring talent and the passion that was displayed all over her face. It was priceless. The children enjoyed their time so much.</p> <p>Facilitators also gained a lot throughout the whole event. They learn to stand in other's people shoes, a soft skill that is beneficial to them. They also bonded among themselves throughout the whole event. Facilitators were grouped into 2 per group and both have to handle 1 child patient together. Those groups had fun and they make new friends with each other. This is in parallel of Rotaract's motto "Fellowship through service".</p>
<b>Link to Photos</b>	<p><a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B1bHxU8oafeiM05Zejd1RnJBX0E&amp;authuser=0">https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B1bHxU8oafeiM05Zejd1RnJBX0E&amp;authuser=0</a></p>

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**8<sup>th</sup> Nominee: Rotaract Club of Methodist College Kuala Lumpur**

<b>Name of Project</b>	The Backpack Project
<b>Date of Project</b>	11 August 2014
<b>Brief Description</b>	The Backpack Project is a fund-raising project aimed at obtaining funds to purchase backpacks and school supplies for under-privileged children via World Vision Malaysia's 'Gifts of Hope' program. These children were selected as the beneficiaries of the project as they are at a disadvantage in school without the necessary books and stationary, preventing them from receiving the optimal educational experience. The Backpack Project was introduced to change this, providing the children with the necessities to enjoy their school life. Funds were obtained from the profits of the badge sale and charity car wash as well as donations from the college community.
<b>Duration of Project</b>	One-time activity
<b>Alignment with Rotary's Area of Focus</b>	Basic Education and Literacy  UNESCO states that education is a fundamental human right and essential for the exercise of all other human rights. As Rotaract members and students ourselves, we can all but deny the truth in the above statement. Hence, we decided that our major community service project for the year would focus on education and raise awareness of its importance. We constantly read and hear of people living in poverty in other parts of the world with no access to proper education. Even for those who have the opportunity to enter school, their families are unable to afford proper school supplies and stationary. We were then introduced to World Vision Malaysia's 'Gifts of Hope' initiative, which would be able to help those in the latter category. Thus, we decided to raise funds to channel to the 'Gifts of Hope' program.
<b>Alignment with Rotaract Goals</b>	Provide opportunities for young people to address the needs and concerns of the community and our world  The project was held in the MCKL premises and the main benefactors were the college students and staff, the majority of which are young people. This project raised the awareness of the state of education among those living in poverty and provided the college community a chance to contribute towards changing the current situation by helping to purchase backpacks.
<b>Impact &amp; sustainability</b>	A backpack from the 'Gifts of Hope' project costs at least RM 80.00. The backpack includes the necessary school supplies for children to fully utilize their time in school. This affects their education in a positive manner, as stated on the 'Gifts of Hope website', it is a start to a brighter future for the kids. The funds for the project were obtained by a badge sale and a car wash, projects which required minimal set up and investment. All of the labour required was from the club members, including providing their own equipment for washing cars.
<b>Creativity and Innovation</b>	The project was conceived by our club's community service director, Hoh Li Yen based on similar projects that have been carried out globally. She had also been the one to introduce the organizing committee to World Vision Malaysia's 'Gifts of Hope' program. The ideas for fund-raising, the badge sale and charity car wash, originated from the Rotaractors after Li Yen had explained the basis of the project to them.
<b>Participation from members</b>	1%-25%
<b>Collaboration with</b>	The club did not collaborate with other Interact, Rotaract or Rotary clubs for the project.

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<b>Interact &amp; Rotary or other Rotaract Clubs</b>	
<b>Participation by Rotaractors, Interactors and Rotarians from Other Clubs</b>	The Rotary club of Bangsar, our club's sponsoring Rotary club, graciously sponsored 30 backpacks for the project.
<b>Participation of members of the public</b>	The patrons of the project were the students and staff of Methodist College KL, hence, they were the main source of the funds generated by the project. They contributed to the project either by buying badges from the sales, sending their vehicles to be washed or through freewill donations.
<b>Overall Impact</b>	By the end of the project, we managed to raise a total of RM 5040.00 to be given to World Vision Malaysia, corresponding to 63 backpacks altogether. Hence, via World Vision, the project has helped almost two classrooms of students enjoy a more conducive learning environment with the necessary school books and stationary. The project has also spread awareness regarding the issues faced by students living in poverty in other areas of the globe. Besides that, the Rotaractors involved in the project have also come to realise the privilege they have in having easy access to good education and resources, compared to the less fortunate.
<b>Link to Photos</b>	<p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/racmckl/posts/697291940346582">https://www.facebook.com/racmckl/posts/697291940346582</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/WorldVisionMalaysia/photos/a.247690580656.295806.34138915656/10154575262215657/?type=1">https://www.facebook.com/WorldVisionMalaysia/photos/a.247690580656.295806.34138915656/10154575262215657/?type=1</a></p> <p><a href="http://rcbangsar.org/2014/09/rotaract-club-of-mckl-raised-rm5040-for-world-vision-organisation/">http://rcbangsar.org/2014/09/rotaract-club-of-mckl-raised-rm5040-for-world-vision-organisation/</a></p>