

Rotary's commitment to Community Service grew out of the realization, early in the movement's history, that something more than fellowship or the opportunity for business profit was necessary to sustain the interest of club members over a long period of time. From the very first Community Service project in 1907, when founder Paul Harris led a campaign to have a public restroom installed at the city hall in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., Rotarians have been making substantial and lasting contributions to the communities where they live. To a large extent, Rotary's reputation is built on the myriad Community Service projects undertaken by Rotarians in their own communities and abroad.