

# ROTARY WORLD HEALTH FOUNDATION

## AN INTERNATIONAL CLUB SERVICE PROJECT

This program of reconstructive/plastic surgery for young people was developed through the efforts of Rotarians Dr. Abdel Fustok, Mr. Raymond Khoury, Mr. Charles Hartman and Mr. M. Albert Jowid. In seeking avenues for international service, Dr. Fustok and Mr. Khoury were inspired with an idea for a cooperative charity effort between St. John Hospital and the Space Center Rotary Club. In presenting the idea to club past presidents, Hartman and Jowid, a classic Rotary opportunity for service was formed. Next, a proposal was presented to the directors of both organizations. Both boards enthusiastically adopted the program and directed that planning activities begin immediately to receive the first patient during the summer of 1986.

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**“For Life  
Like  
Other Kids”**





**T**housands of children throughout the world are deprived of a normal, happy, life through no fault of their own. These children suffer tragic physical deformities due to birth defects, accidents and man made/natural disasters. In many cases these deformities will go untreated indefinitely due to lack of facilities to perform the proper surgery or the lack of funds to seek proper treatment.

To alleviate some of the physical pain and cultural isolation caused by such deformities, the Space Center Rotary Club and St. John Hospital of Nassau Bay have joined resources to form the Rotary World Health Foundation.

Through the Foundation, children all over the world are now being offered hope that they might experience "Life Like Other Kids." The Foundation will provide plastic and/or reconstructive surgery, hospital care, transportation and lodging free of charge for any young person who meets certain basic criteria.

**HOSPITAL FACILITY** - St. John Hospital of Nassau Bay is a modern, 130-bed acute care medical/surgical facility. The not-for-profit hospital is one of 17 facilities owned and operated by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word Health Care System. This system ranks among the top 10 in the United States.

**LODGING & TRANSPORTATION** - Space Center Rotary Club members will arrange for the patient's lodging and hospitality. The club will seek accommodations with local families that can provide the cultural support that is so important to young people facing medical treatment in a foreign land.

The club will seek transportation support through the U.S. State Department/Military Airlift or International Commercial Carriers.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- Young male or female
- Disfigurement as a result of birth, accident or natural/man made disaster
- Treatment must be available at St. John Hospital
- Treatment not available near patient's home

This program is intended to serve those who cannot afford to seek the proper treatment on their own.

**APPLICATION:** To make application to the program, persons should provide a doctor's medical description and photos of the prospective patient's deformity to:

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