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Today, over 70 million people are displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution, and human rights violations. Half of them are children.

We refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts.



**Rotary creates environments of peace**

*As a humanitarian organization*, peace is a cornerstone of our mission. We believe when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a global effect.

*By carrying out service projects* and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, our members take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Our commitment to *peacebuilding today answers new challenges*: how we can make the greatest possible impact and how we can achieve our vision of lasting change. We are approaching the concept of peace with greater cohesion and inclusivity, broadening the scope of what we mean by peacebuilding, and finding more ways for people to get involved. Rotary creates environments where peace can happen.



**Rotary's Four Roles in Promoting Peace**

Rotary and its members are:

**Practitioners:** Our work fighting disease, providing clean water and sanitation, improving the health of mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies directly builds the optimal conditions for peaceful societies.

**Educators:** Our Rotary Peace Centers have trained over 1,300 peace fellows to become effective catalysts for peace through careers in government, education, and international organizations.

**Mediators:** Our members have negotiated humanitarian ceasefires in areas of conflict to allow polio vaccinators to reach children who are at risk.

**Advocates:** Our members have an integral role as respected, impartial participants during peace processes and in post-conflict reconstruction. We focus on creating communities and convening groups that are connected, inclusive, and resilient.

**Rotary members in a small town of Nova Scotia, Canada, took action**

To bring two families from war-torn Syria to their country, where the refugees are starting a new life.

**Sultanah Alchegade** lived with her four young children in the outskirts of Homs, Syria. She and the children had to leave. With the Syrian civil war engulfing his village, Mazen her husband, couldn't return. And it would be four months before his wife and children could cross into Lebanon. As the bombs continued to fall, the family -- including daughters Kawthar, age six,



and Roukia, a baby -- took refuge in a nearby forest, sleeping under the trees.

**They were lucky and made it to Lebanon.** Eventually, the family was reunited. They were alive. But they were refugees, seeking asylum in any country that would take them, hoping to get far away from the violence that had driven them, along with millions of other Syrians, into foreign lands.

**Meanwhile, 8,000 kilometers away**, Rotarians in the small town of Amherst, Nova Scotia, were watching images of Syrian refugees on television and looking for ways to help. Within a few months, the partnership between the Rotary club and two churches raised enough funds to sponsor one family -- a minimum of \$27,000 per family is needed, the government estimates -- and they filed the paperwork to be matched with a family. The group raised more than \$72,000.

**In August of that year**, the Alchegade family boarded a plane for Canada to become the group's second family. Their long journey to a new home had ended. Their journey into a new life was just beginning.