



September 13 - 15, 2024 and September 20 - 22, 2024

The REGL Service Project- The Magic of Rotary in Your Community

One specific objective of the Rotary Eighth Grade Leadership experience is for the students to embrace the idea of promoting a community of care, and the idea that one person can make a difference in their community and at their school.

During the three-day weekend of the Leadership Program, students will work with other members from their school to determine some of the challenges and issues they face at their school and in their community. Examples may be:

1. Lack of pride in the campus (trash, garbage)
2. Students being disrespectful to each other
3. Bullying in various forms
4. School cliques
5. School apathy

During the week following their leadership experience, we ask the students to meet with the school principal to discuss their thoughts/ideas regarding these challenges. Our goal is for the students to select one challenge (with the principal's approval) they would like to work on as their school project. In 2024 students can choose from the following ideas: Student Mentors, Gratitude Campaign, School Improvement, Random Acts of Kindness Campaign, Something's Missing, How We Do Things, and Our School Cares.

Within the next week or two, with help from Rotarians, middle school leadership staff, and possibly high school RYLA leaders, they will begin to establish a "plan of action" for creating a caring community. Our goal is for the 8th graders to have at least five action items to begin working on during their 8th grade school year. One action item will be some form of presentation to their school about their accomplishments.

Rochelle Whellams will share examples of projects supported by Middle School principals so students, principals new to our program, and Rotarians will have some concrete ideas for Caring Community projects. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Rochelle at rochelle@learningforliving.com.