

Our Vision

To support and promote projects of all sizes at the local club, district, and international level that will improve access to quality health services for people with disabilities; strengthen rehabilitation services and include access to assistive products.

Our Mission

To broaden and deepen Rotarians and Rotaractors awareness of disabilities resulting from polio and enable them to improve the lives of polio survivors.

You do not need to be a polio survivor to join!

Annual dues are \$25

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PS Programs & Objectives

- Support in any way possible, the Rotary PolioPlus program to eradicate polio throughout the world
- Initiate Community Based Rehabilitation Centers (CBR) where feasible to identify and provide restorative care for polio survivors
- To assure that the history and heritage of the personal contribution by Rotarians to the eradication of polio is understood by the public and is properly displayed, promoted and maintained
- To engage Rotarians in a world-wide project to collect the personal stories of polio as it affected individuals and communities
- To form associations with individuals, organizations and institutions already engaged in assisting polio survivors

PS Projects & Partnerships

Wheels of Hope

As a result of two matching grants in 2010 initiated by PS which equipped and improved productivity in a wheelchair production facility in Jos, Nigeria, PS delivered 1000 wheelchairs to polio survivors. With the grant funds depleted, the Rotary Club of Traverse City, Michigan, USA, in conjunction with PS, conceived and created a foundation to produce a continuing stream of revenue for the workshop in Jos. This foundation, called Wheels of Hope, is partnering with four Rotary clubs (as they did for the matching grant) in Jos to manage a sustaining stream of revenue for the purposes of continuing to support the large polio survivor population in the Northern provinces of Nigeria.



Community Based Rehabilitation Centers

The Polio Survivors Rotarian Action Group supports the establishment of Community Based Rehabilitation Centers in conjunction with vocational training as a follow-up to our polio eradication efforts.



More than a billion people in the world today experience disability.

These people generally have poorer health, lower education achievements, fewer economic opportunities and higher rates of poverty. This is largely due to the barriers they face in their everyday lives, rather than their disability. Disability is not only a public health issue, but also a human rights and development issue.

Community-based rehabilitation (CBR) was initiated by the World Health Organization in an effort to enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities and their families; meet their basic needs; and ensure their inclusion and participation. While initially a strategy to increase access to rehabilitation services in resource-constrained settings, CBR is now a multi-sectoral approach working to improve the equalization of opportunities and social inclusion of people with disabilities while combating the perpetual cycle of poverty and disability. CBR is implemented through the combined efforts of people with disabilities, their families and communities, and relevant government and non-government health, education, vocational, social and other services.