



People of action around the globe

**The U.S.
has 19,655
airports.**

United States

One day in August, hundreds of spectators watched as pilots landed their small planes at the municipal airport in Fremont, Nebraska. Then everyone sat down to breakfast in one of the airport's hangars. The Rotary Club of Fremont has been organizing its annual "fly-in," its biggest fundraiser, since 1994. "People love to see airplanes landing and taking off," says Brian Newton, who is the Fremont city administrator as well as a pilot and a club member. A local Boy Scout troop makes the pancakes for the breakfast and shares in the proceeds from the event, which generated more than \$4,600 for initiatives including scholarships and a youth track meet in the town of about 26,000 people.

Bolivia

A 2016 drought in Bolivia — the country's worst in 25 years — impelled Rotarians to action in Minnesota, North Dakota, Ontario, and Wisconsin. Six clubs, led by the Rotary Club of Crystal–New Hope–Robbinsdale in Minnesota, gave \$23,000 to dig 70 farm ponds and 20 surface wells serving more than 100 family farms in the highlands of central Bolivia. The project was completed in May 2018. The wells, built along the banks of the Mizque River, provide access to water for crops and livestock even when the river is dry. "The year-round access to water has really improved lives," says James Benschopf of the Crystal–New Hope–Robbinsdale club.

United Kingdom

For a dozen years, the Rotary Club of Amber Valley has provided about \$1,300 annually to the local branch of Chernobyl Children's Lifeline, a UK charity devoted to helping children from Ukraine and Belarus at risk for cancers, blood disorders, and damage to their immune systems believed to be linked to radiation from the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster. In summer 2018, the club played host as 20 children and a translator from the affected region visited Derbyshire, the club's home. The children visited the seaside and a zoo, and received dental treatment and clothing as well. "The respite the children get by coming here is really important," notes Trevor Taylor, club co-president.