



## **Read for a Better World Read-a-thon**

Rotary Youth for a Better World (RYBW) is a global movement of young people with passion and determination to mobilize youth around the world to take on the world's biggest problems.

An initial goal of the RYBW youth movement is to show the world's young people that they have the power to dramatically impact major world problems. The strategy calls for a very simple project that will attract participation by a very large number of people that will also have a major humanitarian impact on the world.

The UN estimates that there are close to 60 million children in the world that are not in school due to hunger or extreme poverty. The plan is to help this problem by holding a global read-a-thon, Read for a Better World. Young people worldwide are encouraged to read as many hours as possible during the month of March, 2018 by pledges to donate money for each minute read to reduce the number of children in the world not in school due to hunger or extreme poverty. The read-a-thon will raise money to enable qualified nonprofit agencies to increase the number of meals they provide to the extremely poor in schools. Currently, there are nonprofit agencies providing millions of the world's poorest children with nutritious food in places of learning for less than \$20 a year!

The Read for a Better World Read-a-thon has the potential to dramatically reduce the number of children currently not in school due to hunger or extreme poverty by millions or even tens of millions. Please consider sponsoring a Roselle Park High School student for this Read-a-thon. The Read-a-thon starts Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup> and ends Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup>. You can pledge a flat rate or you can pledge a certain monetary amount per minute. For example, if you pledged 1¢ per minute and the student you were sponsoring read 30 minutes a day for a total of 750 minutes your donation would be \$7.50, at 5¢ per minute your donation would be \$37.5, and at 10¢ per minute your donation would be \$75. Thank you for considering supporting this important project.