International Service Committee Charter

Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Club · October 21, 2026

Guiding principle

Through international service, Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary connects our local commitment to service with Rotary's global mission—working together with partners to create lasting change, build friendships, and make a difference beyond our own community.

Purpose

The International Service Committee promotes Rotary's commitment to building goodwill, understanding, and peace through service beyond our borders. The committee provides opportunities for Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary (BSR) members to make a meaningful difference in communities around the world, through long-term relationships with local partners and timely help when disaster strikes.

Responsibilities

The committee will:

- **Listen for opportunities:** Learn about needs as local partners and communities identify them, and explore service that responds to those needs, aligns with Rotary's areas of focus, and draws on our members' interests and skills.
- **Steward partnerships:** Coordinate BSR's long-term partnerships with communities, Rotary clubs and organizations abroad, with a named liaison for each, encourage site visits, and lead the annual partnership review (Policy 2).
- **Manage the relief fund:** Apply the Humanitarian Relief Fund policy, keep the pre-vetted list of relief partners (including ShelterBox), and report on each gift (Policy 1).
- **Encourage member involvement:** Create opportunities for members to participate through hands-on service, fundraising, donations, and sharing professional expertise at our partners' invitation.
- **Build relationships:** Strengthen relationships with international Rotary clubs, District 7870, and other organizations working toward common goals.
- **Promote awareness:** Keep club members informed about international service, ongoing partnerships, and their impact, sharing partners' stories with their permission. ● **Recommend funding:** Evaluate requests for financial support, including multi-year pledges, and make recommendations to the BSR Board of Directors.

Committee structure

The committee will be led by a chairperson and include club members interested in international service. Each long-term partnership has a named member liaison. Members are encouraged to bring forward ideas, connections, and opportunities for collaboration, which the committee weighs against the needs our partners identify.

Goals

The committee will work to:

- Keep each active partnership healthy, reviewed together with the partner each Rotary year.
- Build partnerships whose benefits can continue without our support, with sustainability as a key measure of success.
- Respond to disasters quickly and responsibly through the Humanitarian Relief Fund.
- Increase member awareness of and participation in international service. ● Encourage collaboration with other Rotary clubs to maximize resources and results.

Accountability

The committee will report regularly to the BSR Board of Directors, provide updates to club members, and submit funding requests for Board approval. It reports on each relief gift within [30] days and presents a combined partnership report to the club at least once a year.

Members

International Committee

Chair: Tristan Toleno

Tristam Johnson
Justin Thompson
Will Shakespeare
Evelyn Sirois
Jim Maxwell
John Blake