

## **Think Stories not Information**

### **Scenario**

A Rotarian in your club has noticed local youth appearing to be aimlessly walking around the downtown area. It is especially noticeable when school is not in session or on break. At your next Rotary meeting, one Rotarian at your table commented about a vacant building downtown that has been unoccupied for some time. Another member mentioned a large vacant lot a few blocks away that is in disrepair, perhaps abandoned, and recently gifted to the town. In the past, your club has done joint projects with neighboring Rotary clubs. One of the projects involved a District grant. You remember seeing local Interact students wearing their Rotary shirts as they assisted. Through membership efforts, your club now has a corporate membership, and you have noticed there is a focus on young professionals. You are aware that several of your fellow members attend the local foundation gala that supports local non-for-profit projects. Your town manager/mayor was featured in a recent newspaper article regarding state grants that were utilized for town improvements. She is an honorary member of your club. Although not as active, some of your senior club members have continued to support community projects financially.

### **Create a service project**

1. What Rotary grants are available for it?
2. How might you fundraise for it?
3. How can you publicize it so other individuals may want to help you with it?
4. What organizations can you ask to partner with you?