

**On-site, Neighborhood Tutoring and Rotary  
What is It and Why Do We Need It?????  
Fact Sheet**

**1. What is it?** By on-site, neighborhood tutoring we mean, very simply, free academic tutoring that is offered to students in grades one through high school who reside in “economically disadvantaged” (eg poor) neighborhoods.

**2. What Does On-site Mean.** By on-site we mean tutoring that is offered within easy walking distance of the students to be served. Often this means tutoring programs conducted in the community rooms of apartment complexes.

**3. Why is It Needed.** Any educator will assure you that while there are many tutoring programs available in most towns and cities, there is a group of students in those same areas that desperately need this assistance but will in all likelihood never access the assistance because of: 1. Lack of transportation 2. Lack of finances 3. A myriad of other social issues that make accessing assistance outside of the immediate neighborhood very, very improbable.

**THE SOLUTION:** Like it or not, the only feasible solution to this problem is to take free tutoring to the students.

**4. Who will provide the tutoring?** Tutors come from many backgrounds and disciplines; some will be educators but most will be from other professions; the common thread is a desire

to assist young people in their neighborhoods. There is no hard and fast list of pre-requisites to be a tutor.

**5. Safety.** Is this a safe program for students? Yes, all tutors are required to have background checks and all tutoring programs are closely monitored by supervisors who are on duty at each shift.

**6. How do these programs get started?** Programs are started when there are one or two people who see the need and decide to do something about the problem. Generally these leaders will be from some community group or organization that can provide resources and volunteers. We call these organizations “sponsors”. Sponsors could be churches, civic clubs (hmmm, could that include Rotary Clubs!), police, Businesses, govt agencies....

**7. Is there help to get started?** Yes, there are groups that will be very happy to help you get started. One such group is the non-profit organization called The Neighborhood Tutoring Program (NTP) Inc. This mission of the NTP is specifically to encourage and assist in establishment of new on-site tutoring programs. They maintain a free, on-line resource center that contains essentially anything that you could need to establish your own program. See contact information below. Other sources of assistance could be similar volunteer based tutoring programs being operated in communities near your home and Rotary Club.

**8. What kind of a time and financial commitment are we talking about?** One of the best things about on-site tutoring programs is that they are very, very inexpensive to start and to operate. And even better, they are run and staffed by volunteers who fully understand the need for flexibility and more flexibility in all aspects of the operation, certainly to include scheduling.

**9. Who controls these centers—is this just another “National Program”??** Thanks for asking---these programs are locally started, locally owned, locally funded, locally staffed and locally controlled. Get the picture---the program is YOURS to plan, establish, operate and enjoy the rewards.

**10. Do They Work??** We (the NTP) have a decade of experience applying the neighborhood tutoring model to around 26 separate programs. We also have over two years of experience applying the school tutoring model to public and private schools. The models are flexible, proven and best of all-----they work!

**11. Why Should Rotary Be Interested?** There are three major reasons why on-site tutoring fits perfectly with Rotary.

1. Rotarians care about people and are constantly attempting to provide needed assistance when and where we can.

2. On-site tutoring is an absolutely perfect fit with the Rotary International Focus Area of Education.

3. On-site tutoring offers Rotarians an opportunity to address one of the six major focus areas right in their own back yards!

12. **Help is Available** to get your program off to a super start! Specifically in Rotary Int'l District 7610, the Gainesville-Haymarket Rotary Club has been operating an on-site tutoring program in a public school for the last two years. Furthermore, Duane Miller, a member of the Rotary Club, has been involved establishing and operating neighborhood and school on-site tutoring programs for the past decade. He has a non-profit (The Neighborhood Tutoring Program (NTP) Inc.) that is a treasure chest of free information and assistance on these programs.

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