

## Rotary Club of Palgrave's Weekly Rotary Minute

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Sometimes as a Rotarian, in the small village of Palgrave, we get to witness something great happen many, many miles away. This past year, our Club sponsored a school project in Venezuela in partnership with Asopica ? a civil association founded in 2003 by a multi-disciplinary group of people committed to providing comprehensive care to families, children and adolescents who live along the axis San Fernando-Cinaruco in Apure State, Venezuela. They created a Comprehensive School ? Coromoto ? in the Caño La Pica, the Mission Church Santo Cristo del Capanaparo in La Macanilla and social interventions in San Fernando de Apure, we develop educational, cultural, recreational and religious development-oriented projects sustainable and improving the quality of life in the area. The school enrolls 45 students in Grades 1 through 5. Our Club, through the direction of our International Programs Director, Ricardo Aldrey, sponsored 45 children with a Padrino Program (aka the Godfather Program). This program provided each child with all of the essentials to go to school for one full year ? clothing, toiletries, bedding, school supplies, medical treatments/vaccinations, and food/nourishment. The school is a boarding school where children attend for two weeks at a time. In addition to this program, we provided funds to rebuild the structure that supports the solar panels (how they obtain power at the school) as the structure was damaged last year in storms. To know that our Club ? through the generosity of donations by community members such as yourselves ? was able to provide the necessities to ensure 45 children received education this year is what being a Rotarian is all about.