

For the past 10 years, our Interact District's signature project has been our Interact Crutches 4 Africa Project. The associated Interact Ambassadors Program gives selected high school-age Interactors each year the opportunity to train for 4 months in preparation for their traveling as a team to personally participate in the impactful experience of Giving the Gift of Mobility to the disabled poor in Kenya and Mexico, who have no other access to such life-transforming crutches, walkers, and wheelchairs.

Of the 529 Rotary districts around the world, our Rotary District 5495 here in Arizona is the only district in the world that offers this type of international leadership training and service opportunity to its Interact Club members.

The Prescott High School Interact Club has taken advantage of this unique-in-all-the-world opportunity, and has had representation on Interact Ambassadors teams the past 5 years. Last year PHS sent 2 students to Kenya and 1 to Mexico. This year we are doing the same. Carly Duggan, currently a sophomore, is going to Mexico. Giada Glennan and Paige Whitten, both current seniors will be going to Kenya.

The entire program costs Rotary approximately \$60,000 annually. Each student is required to pay \$1,000. They are also required to participate in various fundraising opportunities.

MEXICO:

Arrive approximately June 15th, return June 24th. Stay in Tlaxcala working with ALEM the first three days. Autonomia Libertad de movimiento (ALEM) is an extraordinary story about a circle of young men and women with disabilities who have become a wheelchair production and repair team. They design and fabricate specialty wheelchairs and provide a much-needed wheelchair repair service through a program known as "Enchulame la Silla" or Jazz my Chair. Day 4 travel to Cuernavaca, Morelos. Visit La Jugarreta in Tepoztlán: Elementary school / Rotary rainwater project. Visit Patios de La Estación Squatters' Settlement, visit downtown, cathedral, Cortes Palace, memorial, visit Xochicalco pyramids. Travel to and work with ALEM for the remainder of the 10 days.

KENYA:

Depending on the successful fundraising efforts now underway, the travel dates for the Interact Ambassadors to Kenya Team are expected to be June 26 - July 9. After arriving in Nairobi, the team will be hosted the first week of their time in Kenya by Prescott College at their Dopoi Center extension campus at Talek, located at the edge of the Maasai Mara Game Preserve. The majority of the first week, which will also include a 1-day photo safari on the Maasai Mara, will be spent learning about the history and culture of the Maasai Tribe, interacting with the people and leaders of that tribe, and spending time in the Maasai schools, including delivering educational supplies, which the team will be bringing with them. The team will travel from there to Naivasha for the second week, where they will be home-hosted by members of the Naivasha Rotary Club. Working with members of the Rotary, Rotaract and Interact Clubs, their primary focus during that week will be on "enabling the disabled," as they assist with the distribution of the mobility equipment our Interact Clubs have collected and shipped to Kenya and Uganda ahead of this team's arrival.