

Feb. 28, 2023

Dear Rotary Leaders,

**Greetings in this unique week of the year!** February 28<sup>th</sup> is the last day in what Rotary International recognizes as Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month. And in just a few days, thousands of Presidents-Elect and Governors-Elect will attend the first of many Multi-District President-Elect Training Seminars (PETS) in March.

So, we decided there is no better time to send this update on a journey that began in late 2020. The idea was that Rotarians from Zones 33 & 34 could model how to make learning to be a peacebuilder widely accessible across our communities.


In April 2021, we announced **Youth & Peace in Action (YPA)** endorsed by Rotary International strategic partner Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP), and YPA launched on International Peace Day, September 21, 2021. More than 20 Rotary Districts joined together as collective Founding Sponsor of YPA and contributed nearly \$300,000 that was matched by collaborating funders.

YPA is the **largest youth peace initiative in the US and Caribbean**. It's supported by an innovative online peace education platform with two interactive programs. The "Leading Peace Project Teams" live, virtual training experience is available to Interact and other clubs through sponsorship of \$500 per youth-led project. A related "My Peacebuilder Foundations" online certification accompanied by a teacher toolkit is distributed to schools at no cost. Teachers, club advisors, and Rotarians who are familiar with the content are VERY positive in their feedback.

The next page provides a **Financial Summary** from December 2020 through June 2023, **Results and Impact** highlights, and graphic of how funds are used when a **Rotary Club sponsors** training and design of a youth-inspired peace project for \$500. The first year of YPA required a big push to create the platform. This year began the transition to sustainability. We are inspired by everyone who embraced the vision and glad to report the "peace train" keeps moving.

We are also humbled by many lessons learned, including how challenging it is to connect and communicate with individual Rotary Clubs about this opportunity to make a difference. That's why YPA team members will be in the House of Friendship at each of several Multi-District PETS. Please encourage Presidents-Elect in your Districts to learn about YPA 2023-24 plans!

Sincerely,



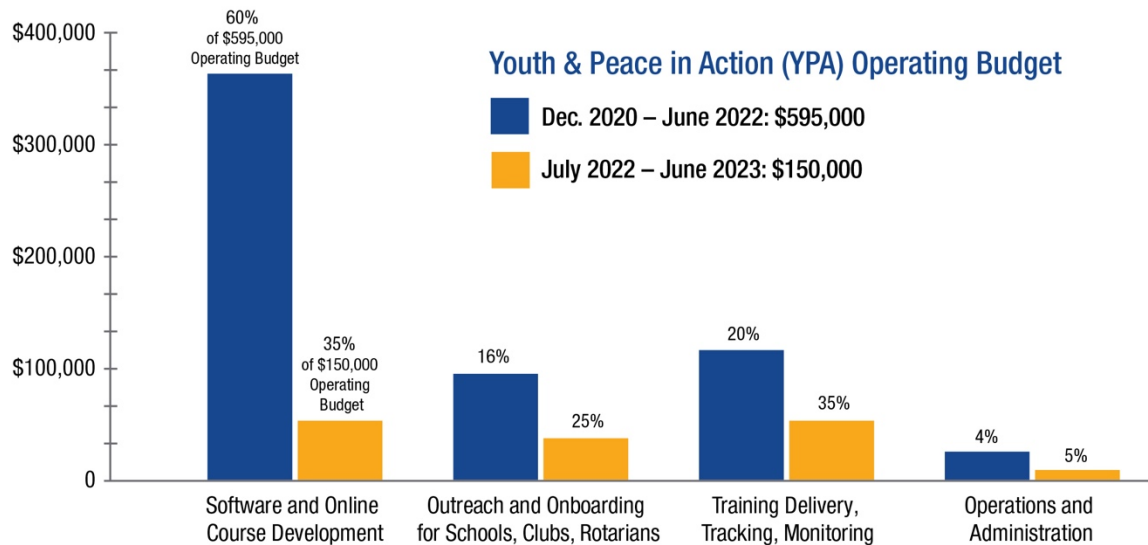
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# Youth & Peace in Action (YPA)

## Financial Summary: Dec. 2020 – June 2023



## Results and Impact: Sept. 2021 – June 2023



## Use of Funds: Rotary Club Sponsorship 2023-24

Leading Peace Project Teams (LPPT) Training and Experience  
\$500 Per Youth-Inspired Project

