



Cheshire YMCA

# World Service & International Partnerships

*Supporting International Relations*



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

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**The Cheshire YMCA**  
*To develop values that enriches spirit, mind, and body by providing quality programming, with an emphasis on youth, in the Cheshire YMCA area.*

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## International Committee Goals

To promote awareness of other cultures around the world resulting in global understanding and respect for our increasingly dependent world. This is done through education and involvement of our volunteers and program participants.

To continue the support of our established partnerships and create

new partnerships around the world by providing leadership and raising funds to meet our specific objectives.

The International Division of the YMCA of the United States of America has recognized the Cheshire YMCA for its continuing contributions of funds and person hours made to World Service.

Since 1974, the Cheshire YMCA has been one of approximately 200 YMCAs supporting the International Division through technical and financial support, training workshops and seminars, as well as person to person exchanges with different cultures such as Japan, Ecuador, Nigeria, India, and the Sioux Indian.

## International Program Development

YMCAs are tied together by several basic principles. One of these is a commitment to building international understanding. This is accomplished through a program development process that includes:

- **International Partnership**  
Workshops and training on international issues
- **Linkages**  
Personnel overseas and development projects
- **Partnerships**  
A relationship that develops over several years and involves a reciprocal long-term commitment

The Cheshire YMCA International Committee asks that you join us in our commitment to aid the less fortunate through international projects and home missions. With your support we will continue to maintain our world-wide partnerships and fulfil our objectives to build world peace by promoting international understanding.

Redditch YMCA sent a volunteer, AJ, for 2 months. He attended the Lions Club and chaperoned a Developmental Travel trip. We are looking to exchange volunteers both long and short term.



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## Where do the funds go?

In the past monies raised by American Heritage Tour and New England Heritage Tour World Service projects, plus such fund-raising efforts of the Cheshire YMCA International Committee, funded the following:

- Sioux Indian YMCA Trip with Youth Assistance/Donation.
- Puttur, India: Computer training, eye clinics, photography classes, and tailoring and weaving instruction.
- Ibadan, Nigeria: Annual salary for program director. Financial aid for building a program center, which includes accommodations to house visiting YMCA personnel.
- Amman, Jordan: Support of the summer camping program for orphan Palestinian refugee camps.
- Bangkok YMCA: Protect a Child Project.
- In addition, the Cheshire YMCA International Committee provides funds each summer for the International Staff at Camp Takodah to experience some of our beautiful New England scenery and places of interest.
- In the future, development of teen partnerships/exchanges will be a goal.
- INTERACT Club Students from MRHS, Swanzey received a donation and also worked with NEHT S 2010 for a donation to build homes in El Salvador with the Elm City Rotary Club.
- Non perishable food items are donated to Gert's Pantry, Swanzey and The Community Kitchen, Keene by Developmental Travel Students.
- Requests were made and filled for critical medical supplies for Jeremy Young, a Senior Board Members Son Stationed in Afghanistan in February of 2011.



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## Students and The World Service Project: Goals and Benefits



Selectman Mat Muratore speaks to the CYMCA NEHT 2011 students from Jaffrey/Rindge, NH, that raised & donated funds through World Service Projects to assist Shichigahama, Plymouth's sister-city in Japan.

The World Service Project gives students the opportunity to work as part of a team to achieve a worthwhile goal. As our students develop friendships with members of their group and provide a service to the community, they also develop a sense of world citizenship and stewardship to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Goals of the World Service Project:

- Group experience
- Working toward a common goal
- To provide a service to the community in which we live
- To think about those less fortunate and do something to help make a difference in their lives

***We thank you for your interest and support.***

***We are looking for financial donations, host families, volunteers and your time!***

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