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PHOTOS FOR SUBMISSION:

Photo 1 - The Sunspring water purification system successfully installed at the Vishwa Bharati Rotary school in Shamsabad India.

Photos 2, 3 - Santa Cruz Water Warriors participated with 200 Rotarians from around the world to inoculate over 4,000 children under the age of 5 in the rural areas outside Agra India.

**REGIONAL ROTARY CLUBS INSTALL A WATER PURIFICATION SYSTEM AT THE
VISHWA BHARTI ROTARY SCHOOL IN INDIA**

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. - The Rotary Club of Santa Cruz, in partnership with the Peninsula Sunrise Rotary Club and several other volunteers, traveled to India in early January to complete a vital water purification project. They also teamed up with 200 Rotarians from around the world to administer free polio vaccines to more than 4,000 children under five years old as part of Rotary's goal to completely eliminate the disease around the world.

Jim Zenner and the Santa Cruz Rotary Water Warriors worked together with Jon Kaufman of Peninsula Sunrise Rotary and the H2OpenDoors project, in the effort to install a Sunspring Water Purification System at the Vishwa Bharti Rotary School just outside Shamsabad, India.

"Because raw sewage was affecting the school's drinking supply, a purifier was desperately needed," said Mr. Zenner. "The Sunspring system, which delivers 20,000 liters of EPA standard drinking water per day, was an ideal solution. This particular system is a fit for rural communities of 5,000-10,000 and has a life of more than 10 years. Besides installing the system, we also trained several local people as maintenance technicians."

To obtain the necessary \$28,000 funding, the Santa Cruz Rotary Club applied for a Rotary District 5170 Grant with the financial support of the Santa Cruz, Freedom, Los Gatos, San Lorenzo Valley, and Piedmont- Montclair Rotary Clubs.

Through the H2OpenDoors project, Rotary has deployed similar systems over the last six years in international communities with a similar need, including the Philippines, Guatemala, Mexico, and Puerto Rico.

A video about the project can be viewed here: <https://h2opendoors.org/our-videos>

About Rotary

With 1.2 million members in more than 35,000 clubs worldwide, Rotary is one of the world's largest community service organizations. For more than 110 years, Rotary members have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to spearhead sustainable projects. Rotarians are committed to improving the world through literacy, peace, clean water, and health.

The Rotary Club of Santa Cruz meets every Friday from noon-1:30 p.m. at the Santa Cruz Elks Lodge. For more information, visit santacruzrotary.com.

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