



Water to the thirsty

Piduguralla is a town in Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh. Finding it in the map may take a while. However, the place is famous for its rich limestone deposits and white cement manufacturing industries. Located about 200 kms from Hyderabad, the town can be considered as a developing area with basic infrastructure facilities coming up slowly. Rice mills, woven sack manufacturing units and fly ash brick units thrive in this area.

But the most important requirement of safe drinking water was almost not available to the villages and the population of over 14,000 people who were living there.

Rotarians in that place could not remain silent spectators for long. PDG Ravi Vadlamani, RI District 3150, took the initiative to implement a massive project that could provide clean and safe drinking water to the community living in a harsh atmosphere. Rotary Club of Chilakauripet, RC Secunderabad and RC Piduguralla Lime City came together under his guidance. Quickly a project was drawn up to provide drinking water and RI District 2110, Italy readily agreed to match their contributions. A project of this magnitude and importance was put across to The Rotary Foundation and funding was arranged. The project which has now been completed at a cost of US \$ 1,80,000 has brought smiles back to the faces of the citizens in that area.

The ambitious scheme included construction of pumping station from the water sources in the quarry to a large overhead storage reservoir. Over 2,500 metres of pipeline was laid and

water taken to the reservoir which was constructed to hold 2,50,000 litres of water. The pump house, pumps and sand filters which were put in place by Rotary now enables water to be piped to the people living in the areas which can



water to people who need it most can be met in almost all such remote areas. The Rotary Foundation helps the clubs to invest in creating a positive image for Rotary in the community. The Rotary Foundation enhances your reputation as

a service minded individual and creates a favourable atmosphere in the area for the clubs. Projects of the clubs, especially the big ones which are supported by The Rotary Foundation helps in promoting goodwill among various communities and ensures that the voice of Rotary, as an ambassador for peace, is heard. Rotary clubs need local support and it is these projects that create the opportunities to cultivate people in the area.

Every day, thousands of people will be able to see the structures Rotary has put up for the benefit of the people.

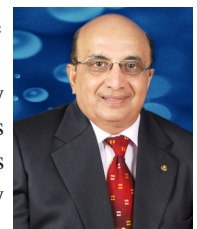
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men, women and children will be able to quench their thirst with clean and safe drinking water. And every day the Rotarians will be remembered for their humanitarian work. The acts of Rotarians in solving the issues in the community become possible easily with The Rotary Foundation.

Supporting TRF every year with generous contributions becomes the duty of every Rotarian.

be considered as suburbs of the town Piduguralla. The idea of taking up such a massive project was supported by PDG Jashti Ranga Rao, RI District 3150 and had the active support of the District Governor Rajyalakshmi Vadlamani, DGE D K Anand, DGNs T V R Murti, Hari Krishna and a host of Rotarians. Rtn. Salvatore Abbruscato from RI District 2110, who is the International Project contact person specially came to this project site when the scheme was inaugurated on March 29, 2011.

When we talk about the public image of Rotary, it is projects such as these that sustain the image. The loud bursts of cheer and happiness that was visible in the faces of the villagers made everyone understand that The Rotary Foundation's goal in providing drinking



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