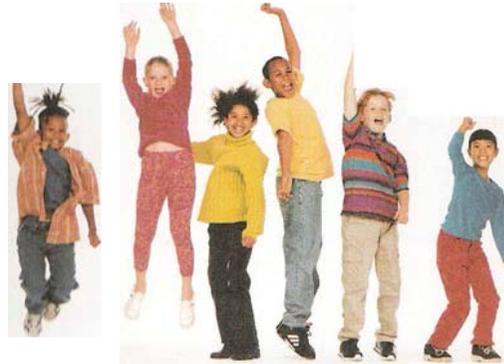


OPTIMISTS

Bringing Out the Best in Kids



Purposes of an Optimist Club:

To develop Optimism as a philosophy of life utilizing the tenets of the Optimist Creed; to promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs; to inspire respect for law; to promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people; to aid and encourage the development of youth in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life and the world

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Our positive approach, our upbeat outlook, and our commitment to creating a more optimistic future for kids is what differentiates Optimist Clubs from any other volunteer opportunity.

Communities in the United States, Canada, the nations of the Caribbean and other countries throughout the world have been touched by the powerful, positive force of Optimist Club Members.

From sponsoring youth athletic leagues to weatherizing the homes of the elderly to conducting oratorical contests for young people-Optimist Clubs are responding to the special needs of our local communities.

Although we come from all walks of life, Optimist Club Members share one common trait. We know that we can make a difference in the lives of others.

Optimist Club Members receive as much as they give:

- . The fellowship of people who get things done - and the example they set for embracing a similar optimistic mindset
 - . New social and working relationships with individuals from a cross section of our communities
 - . The opportunity to develop and demonstrate leadership skills locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally
 - . And the satisfaction of making a difference in lives of children as well as our communities
- Whether you are searching for an outlet to help your community, personal development, or rewarding camaraderie, you'll find what you're looking for in your local Optimist Club. Joiners become more tolerant and empathetic to the needs of their community.

Just a few of the many projects conducted by Optimist Clubs:

- Working directly with local schools to Enhance education
- Conducting substance abuse Prevention programs.
- Coaching youth sports teams
- Tutoring and mentoring young people
- Painting the homes of the elderly and needy
- Providing food baskets to needy families
- Assisting disaster victims
- . Reading to children

