



2018 Convention Service Project – Pencils Plus

Pencils Plus was selected by the International Board as the Quota Convention service project.

What is Pencils Plus? The Pencils Plus service project provides children around the world with what they need for a better education and a better tomorrow.

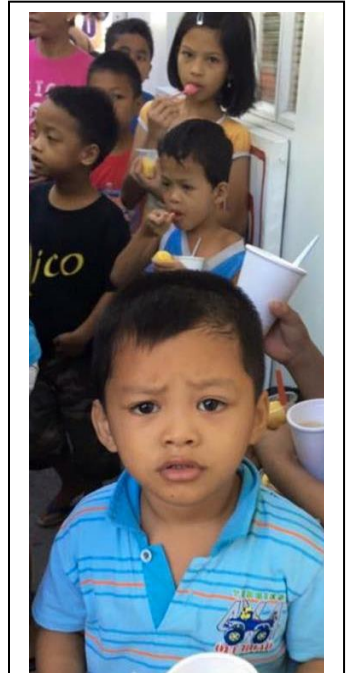
Pencils Plus is a GLOBAL SERVICE PROJECT that changes lives for children. If your club has done a project that has supported children or classrooms, your club has participated in Pencils Plus.

Pencils Plus will collect information from Quota Clubs in all 14 countries: The number of • Children Helped • Dollars Donated, and • Hours Volunteered directly

Each club that participates will receive:

- recognition from convention stage growing the Pencils Plus counter,
- a letter of appreciation from Quota's President to your Mayor/elected official,
- a customized press release for newspapers/TV stations, and
- listing of your club's efforts in the Quota International Annual Report and on the website.

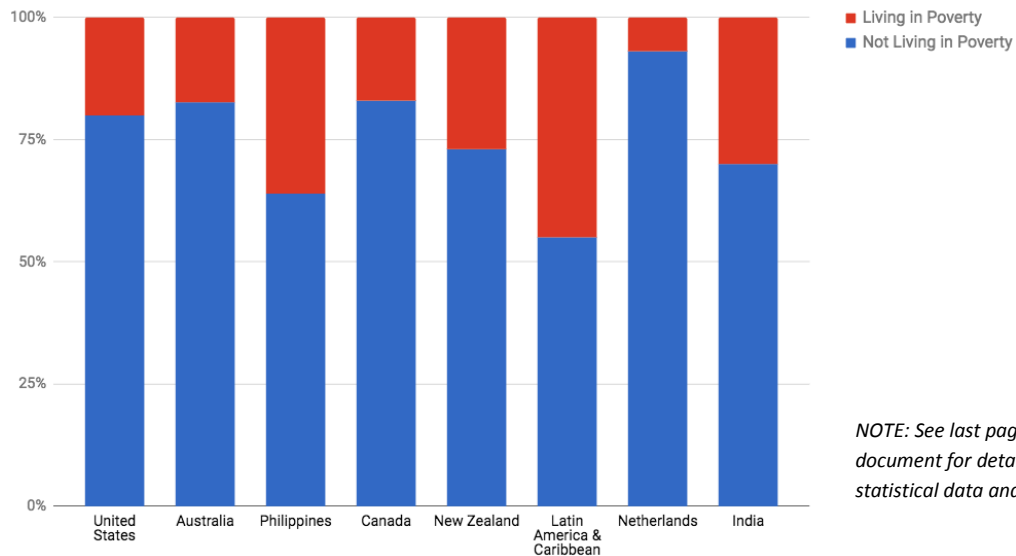
Why Pencils Plus? Members of Quota International have been coordinating back to school projects and supporting schools for decades. Quota Clubs have established strong relationships and an understanding of the educational needs in your community.



Students receive meals thanks to Quota Members in Parañaque, Philippines.

223 Million children live in poverty in the 14 countries with Quota Clubs

Percent of Children Living in Poverty in Quota Areas



NOTE: See last page of document for detailed statistical data and sources.

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Ways to participate: Coordinate a school supplies drive, donate funds to purchase educational and electronic equipment, volunteer time with the students, support a nearby Quota Club's project or an international project in one of 14 countries, or bring school supplies or donation to Convention to support students at a local school.

Example Projects:

- Adopt-a- -Family, -Student, -Cop
- Backpack Buddies, Meals, and Stuff the Bus
- School Breakfasts & Breakfast Club
- Student, Camp, and Homeless Children Scholarships
- Quest to College Scholarship Fund
- Student's Night Out
- Pen Pals
- Birthday Box, Birthday Wishes
- Teddy Bear Picnic
- Quota Cares Teddy Bears and Badges & Bears
- Achiever Awards
- JQ Mentorship Projects
- Raising a Leader
- QuoCKa/Cops 'n Kids
- Book Giveaways, Reading Corners
- Birth to Beyond Books Project
- Ronald McDonald Meals & Activities
- Tutoring Programs
- Educational and Electronic Equipment Donations
- Stuff-the-Bus
- Shoeboxes of Love
- Camp Juliana
- Kitchen Kapers
- People Serving People
- Clothe a Child
- Birth to Beyond
- Christmas Tree Festival
- Soundfield Amplification Systems
- Partners in Education
- Speech Clinics
- Hearing Aids and Hearing Aid Banks
- Battery Buddies for Hearing Aids
- Medical Missions
- Newborn Baby Project
- Alpha Baby Shower
- People Serving People
- Special Angel Rodeo
- Foster Children Prom
- Angel Trees
- Fire Baskets
- Easter Buddy Baskets
- Signing Santa
- Gift Giving, Christmas Hampers
- Clothe a Child
- Undies 500, Keep a Child Warm
- Quarters for Campers
- Quota Sew and So

Where to give: Public schools & libraries, Private schools, Schools for the deaf and blind, Orphanages, Hospitals & Medical Centers, Community Centers and Learning Centers, Food Pantries, Abuse Shelters, and Youth and Family Homeless Shelters, Youth Off the Streets.

Deaf & Blind Schools:¹⁰ United States (87), Australia (2), Netherlands (6), Malaysia (1), Canada (9), New Zealand (2), India (4)

Statistical Data & Sources:

- United States: 11 million children, 20% of all children, were living below the federal poverty line during the 2013-2014 school year.¹
- Australia: 731,000 children or 17.4% of all children were living in poverty in 2016.²
- Philippines: 13.4 million children or 36% of all children were living in poverty in 2009.³
- Canada: 1.2 million or 17% of all children were living in poverty in 2015.⁴
- New Zealand: 290,000 children or 27% of all children lived in poverty in 2017.⁵
- Latin America and Caribbean: 81 million children or 45% of all children were living in poverty in 2011.⁶
- Netherlands: 125,000 children or 7% of all children live in long-term poverty.⁷
- India: 115 million children or 30% of all children live in extreme poverty.⁸
- In US schools, 1,260,721 homeless children were enrolled in 2013-2014.⁹

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