



## **About Optimist International**

Meeting the needs of young people in communities worldwide, Optimist Clubs have been “Bringing Out the Best” since 1919. Optimist Clubs conduct positive service projects aimed at providing a helping hand to youth. By believing in young people and empowering them to be the best they can, Optimist volunteers continually make this world a better place to live. There are 90,000 individual Members who belong to more than 2,500 autonomous Clubs. Optimists conduct 65,000 service projects each year, serving six million young people. Optimists also spend \$78 million on their communities annually.

## **Mission Statement**

By providing hope and positive vision, Optimist bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.

## **Vision Statement**

Optimist International will be recognized worldwide as the premier volunteer organization that values all children and helps them develop to their full potential.

## **The Optimist Creed**

### **Promise Yourself –**

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

## **Purposes of Optimist International**

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 the 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.