

**STATEMENT DURING THE UTAH ROTARY PPRESIDENT-ELECT
TRAINING SEMNAR & ASSEMBLY
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My name is Hannah Bieker, I am a Junior at Utah Valley University and a member of the UVU Rotary Club as well as a member of the Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF), a coalition of student clubs at UVU, which promoted sustainable mountain development agenda of the UN. This March, I will travel to New York with my eleven student peers at UIMF as we present at the UN's Commission on the Status of Women, not only that, but I will also be the first to represent Rotaract at the UN during our parallel event on March 19, 2019. Our written statement was distributed by UN as the official document and I have here copies of that available.

My role at the UN will simply be to demonstrate how through service oriented learning we can implement through Rotaract the UN sustainable development goals, such as ensuring everyone has clean water, polio eradication and in the case in March to empower women in developing world. Personally, my objective is to highlight the successes of Utah Rotaracts, like the service project in Mexico under the mentorship of Martha, Jose and Stephanie Velascos, so next year we can have the most committed student members of Rotaracts from around the world present their own victories with Rotary at the UN themselves, and every year after that. Thus, spreading our values worldwide and for generations to come.

Through UVU's model of Student Engaged Learning, I have already experienced the skills necessary to participate at an event of this level. My peers and myself have the responsibilities of arranging logistics, approach embassies, and draft the language to be included in the final UN report. One of the most crucial responsibilities we have faced is raising money for the students who have participated to attend the UN conference. I would like to personally thank Clark Merkley and the Orem Rotary for generously donating \$500 so I may attend the conference in New York and present our shared vision to the United Nations. I would like to ask the audience here to donate whatever possible to cover accommodation expenses of my colleagues. And I have available here special forms for donation. But please keep in mind that this is not a matter of money only, but it will have much more significance as a support from other members of Rotary statewide to our student driven initiative.

Thank you very much