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A Message from the International President Tom Kendo

I am excited that you have chosen to join an Optimist Club!

Optimist International is an incredible organization! We are on a mission to provide hope and positive vision to children and communities around the world! Our members strive to be a force of positive change in the lives of all youth and their communities! Optimist leaders and members have big hearts and a passion for the work that we do. Optimist International has clubs and members in 26 nations around the world. Our clubs and members have a willingness to welcome people of all backgrounds and all ages. Optimist International has endured in our mission of spreading optimism as a philosophy of life and service to children for over 106 years.

I want to thank you for stepping forward and joining our wonderful organization and committing yourself to bringing out the best in the lives of the children within your community, as well as making your community a better place to live, and bringing out the best in yourself. On behalf of the children and communities served by your club, I want to say to you that you are appreciated!

I believe that optimism is a powerful force for good in the world. It can help us to overcome challenges, achieve our goals, and make a positive impact in our communities. I encourage you to embrace optimism in all that you do.

Together, as an incredible team of like-minded individuals, using our positive mental attitudes, we will revitalize the world around us, as Optimist International. We need your help! I am willing to Be the Change we need and I am asking you to Be the Change the world needs today more than ever before!

BE THE CHANGE

Tom Kendo

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