

**We make our community better through leadership, partnership and friendship.**

Founded in 1917, Altrusa is relevant to many civic leaders who want to better communities by addressing local needs. Altrusans proudly give over a million volunteer hours a year around the world, including clubs in the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, England, Bermuda, Ireland, India, New Zealand and Russia.

**The Altrusa story is evolving every day through club accomplishments. When you visit any Altrusa club you will see leadership and community service in action.**

**Altrusa reflects Leadership in our Community.**

It is an opportunity to develop leadership skills. Altrusa members welcome you; include you in club responsibilities and decisions; are clear about what the club is doing; and provide flexibility so you can best give your time.

**Altrusa attracts a wide cross section of members.**

The reason they become Altrusans are as varied and numerous as the communities in which they live. Most have joined because they were invited by a friend or associate they trust. Many look for opportunities to meet new friends or to advance their skills. Some join to meet the people who shape their communities; while others seek a meaningful new experience to their lives.

**However there are three reasons shared by all:**

- Altrusans want to make their communities even better places to live.
- Altrusans experience personal growth opportunities, developing leadership skills as they serve their communities.
- Altrusans enjoy the satisfaction of knowing their efforts are valued by the communities they help.



**Members of Altrusa are united through our dedication in:**

- Developing and applying our leadership abilities.
- Capitalizing on our worldwide member network.
- Finding partners to help us improve our communities.



- Amity
- Loyalty
- Talent
- Reciprocity
- Unity
- Service
- Achievement

**Altrusa International of Monroe MI**

offers opportunities to develop leadership skills. Being a leader can be as great as motivating club and community partners to address community needs, or as simple as participating on a service team. Monroe Club chartered in 1952.

**Become a member of the Monroe Club.**

Join with others who are creating a better community. The club meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at a variety of locations.

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**Projects in the past:** Orchard Library Project, Monroe County Learning Bank, Samoan Book Project, book donation to a school in Mississippi with a Michigan connection, and blue hats to the San Vicente Mission in San Vicente, Mexico.

**Special Literacy Project:** Chapter books (in lots of 20) for 3rd Grade classes to read at North Elementary School in the Jefferson School District (homeless students).

**Ongoing Projects:** MCCC Annual Scholarship, Fairview Support, Paula’s House Support, Habitat Showers, PJ Party for Sunrise House, Blue Hat Community Service Project: (handmade blue fleece hats for organizations such as Cary Chapel Church in Monroe who received 35 warm blue fleece hats for their Thanksgiving Care packages), Birthday Boxes at Oaks Victory Village.

**Partnership Projects:** Altrusa partners with AAUW for the PJ Party for Sunrise House as well as the Allies in Monroe (AIM) program at Monroe High School that mentor students and helps prepare them for a post-secondary education. Looking for opportunities to partner with other non-profits.

**Current International Project:** "Days for Girls" giving back days of dignity, health, and opportunity thru menstrual health solutions and education. Personal hygiene packets are created and distributed overseas thru the “Days for Girls” organization. Monroe took on this project in 2016. Region 5 conference has discussed and adopted “Days for Girls” in 2018 plus international has done the same. Monroe Club is on the cusp of what is happening globally with this project

**Proposed Project in Development:** “We’ve Got Your Back – Lifting Up Homeless Students” Discussion circled the issue of middle school and high school homeless students being underserved. Personal hygiene items are very important to this age group. They do not want to stand out from other students. Hair care, deodorant, cologne, moisturizer, socks, hand cream. Altrusa International of Mansfield OH was the Leola M. Heiss Long-Term Service Project Award winner 2018 for this effort. Monroe Club wishes to determine scope for a similar project in our community. On our annual schedule to discuss in October 2018.



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The Altrusa International Foundation of Monroe MI focuses on literacy projects and efforts to improve conditions for women and families in our community.