

Building Futures: Petaluma Sunrise Rotary Empowers Student Interns

This summer, **Petaluma Sunrise Rotary Club** partnered with **Petaluma City Schools** to support local students participating in a work-based learning internship program. In collaboration with **Rebuilding Together Petaluma (RTP)**, students gained hands-on construction experience while giving back to the community.

Working alongside skilled mentors, interns learned how to rebuild staircases for residents in mobile home communities—developing real-world trade skills, connecting with professionals, and making a visible impact. At the end of the program, participants walked away with more than just knowledge—they received work boots and toolkits to kickstart their future careers.

Thanks to the Petaluma Sunrise Rotary **Fred Rodgers Vocational Grant Program** and generous donations from **Friedman's**, each student was equipped with:

- Hammer, multi-tip screwdriver, wrench kit
- Gloves, tool bag, leveler, and tape measures
- 18V rechargeable drill
- Durable work boots

The internship program will continue into the fall and is actively seeking new student applicants. With ongoing support from Petaluma Sunrise Rotary, this initiative remains a vital platform for building practical skills and strengthening community ties.