



Sharing the Love

Sara Lucia Di Lauro from Cremona, Italy, is an incoming international exchange student to Adelaide, SA. But this youth exchange differs in that three clubs are involved with sponsoring the young Italian. The South Australian Rotary Clubs of Prospect, Regency Park and Gawler have all come on board to share the hosting of Sara during her 12-month stay in Adelaide.

The venture came about when Sara put in her request to be an international exchange student and Ian Howlett, chairman of District 9500 Rotary Youth Exchange Committee, was organising her exchange opportunity with host clubs. The Rotary Club of Gawler had offered to have Sara for six months, but required assistance for the other six months. President of the Rotary Club of Prospect Julie Johnson was speaking with Ian about exchanges and Ian happened to mention they were looking for other sponsors. As a result of Julie speaking with president of the Rotary Club of Regency Park Russell Green, it was decided the two clubs would work together to host Sara for the other six months.

Sara was welcomed to Australia at Adelaide Airport by Ian and members of her three host clubs. President of the Rotary Club of Henley Beach Anthony Masson was also present, with the



club currently sponsoring outgoing exchange student Lucy Stattman in Sara's hometown of Cremona.

Sara will attend two schools during her time in Adelaide and will have six host families throughout her 12-month stay. She is a beautiful young lady and is very appreciative of the opportunity

she has been afforded.

This is a great example of Rotary clubs working together to achieve positive outcomes. The Rotary International Exchange Program is a wonderful opportunity for youth across the globe, made possible by the hard work of Rotarians like Ian. •